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## INTRODUCTION

On the rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced selected genealogical records from an estimated 80,000 pension and bounty-land-warrant application files based on the participation of American military, naval, and marine officers and enlisted men in the Revolutionary War. Most of the records are dated between 1800 and 1900. The files are part of Record Group 15, Records of the Veterans Administration.

### **Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Legislation and Administration Relating to Participation in the Revolutionary War**

#### **Pension Legislation**

For more than a century before the beginning of the Revolutionary War, British colonies in North America provided pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors. During and after the Revolutionary War, three principal types of pensions were provided by the U.S. Government for servicemen and their dependents. "Disability" or "invalid pensions" were awarded to servicemen for physical disabilities incurred in the line of duty; "service pensions," to veterans who served for specified periods of time; and "widows' pensions," to women whose husbands had been killed in the war or were veterans who had served for specified periods of time.

On August 26, 1776, the first pension legislation for the American colonies as a group was enacted. A resolution of the Continental Congress provided half pay for officers and enlisted men, including those on warships and armed vessels, who were disabled in the service of the United States and who were incapable of earning a living. The half pay was to continue for the duration of the disability.

On May 15, 1778, another resolution provided half pay for 7 years after the conclusion of the war to all military officers who remained in the Continental service to the end of the war. Enlisted men who continued to serve for the duration of the conflict were each to receive a gratuity of \$80 after the war under the terms of the same enactment. The first national pension legislation for widows was a Continental Congress resolution of August 24, 1780, which offered the prospect of half pay for 7 years to widows and orphans of officers who met the requirements included in the terms of the resolution of May 15, 1778. On October 21, 1780, the Continental Congress resolution of May 15, 1778, was amended to provide half pay for life to officers after the war; but on March 22, 1783, the half-pay-for-life provision was changed to 5 years' full pay.

Pension legislation during the Revolutionary War was designed to encourage enlistment and acceptance of commissions and to prevent desertion and resignation. After the war, pensions became a form of reward for services rendered. Both during and after the Revolution, the States as well as the U.S. Government awarded pensions based on participation in the conflict. The records reproduced in this microfilm publication pertain only to pensions granted or paid pursuant to public and private acts of the U.S. Government. Public acts, under



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which the majority of such pensions were authorized, encompassed large classes of veterans or their dependents who met common eligibility requirements. Private acts concerned specific individuals whose special services or circumstances merited consideration, but who could not be awarded pensions under existing public acts.

On September 29, 1789 (1 Stat. 95), the First Congress of the United States passed an act which provided that invalid pensions previously paid by the States, pursuant to resolutions of the Continental Congress, should be continued and paid for 1 year by the newly established Federal Government. Subsequent legislation often extended the time limit. An act of Congress approved March 23, 1792 (1 Stat. 243), permitted veterans, not already receiving invalid pensions under resolutions of the Continental Congress, to apply for them directly to the Federal Government. On April 10, 1806 (2 Stat. 376), the scope of earlier invalid-pension laws pertaining to Revolutionary War servicemen was extended to make veterans of State troops and militia service eligible for Federal pensions. The act superseded all previous Revolutionary War invalid-pension legislation.

Before 1818 national pension laws concerning veterans of the Revolution (with the exception of the Continental Congress resolution of May 15, 1778, granting half pay to officers for service alone) specified disability or death of a serviceman as the basis for a pension award. Not until March 18, 1818 (3 Stat. 410), did the U.S. Congress grant pensions to Revolutionary War veterans for service from which no disabilities resulted. Officers and enlisted men in need of assistance were eligible under the terms of the 1818 act if they had served in a Continental military organization or in the U.S. naval service (including the Marines) for 9 months or until the end of the war. Pensions granted under this act were to continue for life.

The service-pension act of 1818 resulted in a great number of applications, many of which were approved. Congress was appropriating greater sums than ever before for Revolutionary War pension payments. Financial difficulties and charges that applicants were feigning poverty to obtain benefits under the terms of the act caused Congress to enact remedial legislation on May 1, 1820 (3 Stat. 569). The new law required every pensioner receiving payments under the 1818 act, and every would-be pensioner, to submit a certified schedule of his estate and income to the Secretary of War. The Secretary was authorized to remove from the pension list the names of those persons who, in his opinion, were not in need of assistance. Within a few years, the total of Revolutionary War service pensioners was reduced by several thousand. An act of Congress approved March 1, 1823 (3 Stat. 782), resulted in the restoration of pensions to many whose names had been removed under the terms of the 1820 legislation, but who subsequently proved their need for aid.

Congress passed another service-pension act on May 15, 1828 (4 Stat. 269), which granted full pay for life to surviving officers and enlisted men of the Revolutionary War who were eligible for benefits under the terms of the Continental Congress resolution of May 15, 1778, as amended.

The last and most liberal of the service-pension acts benefiting Revolutionary War veterans was passed on June 7, 1832 (4 Stat. 529), and extended to more persons the provisions of the law of May 15, 1828. The act provided that every



officer or enlisted man who had served at least 2 years in the Continental Line or State troops, volunteers or militia, was eligible for a pension of full pay for life. Naval and marine officers and enlisted men were also included. Veterans who had served less than 2 years, but not less than 6 months, were eligible for pensions of less than full pay. Neither the act of 1832 nor the one of 1828 required applicants to demonstrate need. Under the act of 1832 money due from the last payment until the date of death of a pensioner could be collected by his widow or by his children.

The time limit for making claims under the Continental Congress resolution of August 24, 1780, which promised half-pay pensions to widows and orphans of some officers, expired in 1794. For many years thereafter, unless a private act of Congress was introduced on her behalf, a widow of a veteran was limited to receiving only that part of a pension that remained unpaid at the time of her husband's death. By an act of Congress approved July 4, 1836 (5 Stat. 128), some widows of Revolutionary War veterans were again permitted, as a class under public law, to apply for pensions. The act provided that the widow of any veteran who had performed service as specified in the pension act of June 7, 1832, was eligible to receive the pension that might have been allowed the veteran under the terms of that act, if the widow had married the veteran before the expiration of his last period of service. An act of July 7, 1838 (5 Stat. 303), granted 5-year pensions to widows whose marriages had taken place before January 1, 1794. These pensions were continued by acts of March 3, 1843 (5 Stat. 647); June 17, 1844 (5 Stat. 680); and February 2, 1848 (9 Stat. 210).

On July 29, 1848 (9 Stat. 265), Congress provided life pensions for widows of veterans who were married before January 2, 1800. All restrictions pertaining to the date of marriage were removed by acts of February 3, 1853 (10 Stat. 154), and February 28, 1855 (10 Stat. 616). On March 9, 1878 (20 Stat. 29), widows of Revolutionary War soldiers who had served for as few as 14 days, or were in any engagement, were declared eligible for life pensions.

#### Pension Administration

During the Revolution and in the period between the conclusion of the war and the establishment of the Federal Government, administration of the pension laws enacted by the Continental Congress was left largely to the individual States. The act of Congress approved September 29, 1789 (1 Stat. 95), which provided for the continuance of such pensions by the newly established Federal Government, stipulated only that they should be paid "under such regulations as the President . . . may direct." The act of Congress approved March 23, 1792 (1 Stat. 244), which permitted the addition of new names to the existing list of Revolutionary War pensioners, specified that the Secretary of War was to administer its provisions. For most of the period between 1793 and 1819, Congress reserved to itself the power of final decision with respect to the allowance of claims. Thus an act of February 28, 1793 (1 Stat. 325), required the Secretary of War to send lists of claims to the Congress for action. The service-pension act of March 18, 1818 (3 Stat. 410), gave the Secretary of War the authority to approve applications submitted under that law, and by an act of March 3, 1819 (3 Stat. 528), he was similarly empowered to place invalids on the pension list without prior Congressional approval.

Within the Office of the Secretary of War, pension matters were handled as early as 1810 by a unit called the Office of Military Bounty Lands and



Pensions. Between 1810 and 1815 the unit was also referred to as the Section (or Branch) of Military Bounty Lands and Pensions. In 1815 the Branch was divided into two units: a Pension Bureau and a Land Warrant Bureau; after 1816 the Pension Bureau was generally referred to as the Pension Office. Not until March 2, 1833 (4 Stat. 622), did Congress formally provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions to execute pension laws under the general direction of the Secretary of War. When an act of Congress provided for the establishment of the Department of the Interior on March 3, 1849 (9 Stat. 395), the Pension Office was transferred to it. On July 21, 1930, by Executive Order 5398, the Bureau of Pensions (formerly called the Pension Office) was consolidated with other agencies also serving veterans, and the Veterans Administration, an independent executive agency, was established.

Two pension acts pertaining to Revolutionary War servicemen were not initially administered by the Pension Office. Responsibility for executing the provisions of the act of May 15, 1828 (4 Stat. 270), was vested in the Secretary of the Treasury until authority was transferred to the War Department on March 3, 1835 (4 Stat. 779). The Secretary of the Treasury was also named to administer the act of June 7, 1832 (4 Stat. 530), but a Congressional resolution on June 28, 1832 (4 Stat. 605), relieved him of that function and transferred it to the Secretary of War.

Application procedures followed by would-be pensioners varied according to the acts under which benefits were sought. Generally the process required an applicant to appear before a court of record in the State of his or her residence to describe under oath the service for which a pension was claimed. A widow of a veteran was required to provide information concerning the date and place of her marriage. The application statement or "declaration," as it was usually called, with such supporting papers as property schedules, marriage records, and affidavits of witnesses, was certified by the court and forwarded to the official, usually the Secretary of War or the Commissioner of Pensions, responsible for administering the specific act under which the claim was being made. An applicant was subsequently notified that his application had been approved, rejected, or put aside pending the submission of additional proof of eligibility. If an applicant was eligible, his name was placed on the pension list. Payments were usually made semiannually through pension agents of the Federal Government in the States. An applicant rejected under the terms of an earlier pension act often reapplied for benefits under later, more liberal laws.

#### Bounty-Land-Warrant Legislation

Bounty-land warrants—rights to free land in the public domain—were granted under acts of the Continental Congress and of the Federal Government to veterans and to heirs of veterans for Revolutionary War service of specified periods of time. The promise of bounty-land during the Revolutionary War was another inducement to enter and remain in service; after the war, bounty-land grants became a form of reward. Most warrants were issued to servicemen or their heirs who met common eligibility standards established by public acts passed between 1776 and 1856. Some warrants were issued to individuals as a result of private acts passed by Congress. States also granted bounty-land to Revolutionary War veterans, but the records reproduced in this microfilm publication pertain only to bounty-land warrants made available under acts of the U.S. Government.



On September 16, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution that provided for granting land to officers and soldiers who engaged in military service and continued to serve until the end of the war. Representatives of officers and soldiers who might be slain by the enemy were also entitled to land. The resolution specified that each noncommissioned officer and soldier should be entitled to 100 acres, an ensign to 150 acres, each lieutenant to 200 acres, and other officers to proportionate amounts of land up to 500 acres for a colonel. By a resolution of August 12, 1780, the provision was extended to include generals, and the grant was to be 850 acres for a brigadier general and 1,100 acres for a major general. The resolution of September 16, 1776, was the basic law under which Revolutionary War veterans were granted bounty-land warrants by the Federal Government until 1855, although numerous acts were passed in the interval providing claimants with additional time in which to apply for or to locate warrants.

On March 3, 1855 (10 Stat. 701), the U.S. Congress went beyond merely satisfying the former pledge of the Continental Congress and authorized the issuance of bounty-land warrants for 160 acres to soldiers, irrespective of rank, who had served for as few as 14 days in the Revolution, or who had taken part in any battle. Widows and minor children of such veterans were also eligible. An individual who had received a warrant under previous bounty-land legislation was limited by the act to receiving a second warrant for only such additional acreage as would total 160 acres. An act of May 14, 1856 (11 Stat. 8), extended the benefits of the 1855 act to include Revolutionary War naval and marine officers, enlisted men, and their widows and minor children.

#### Bounty-Land-Warrant Administration

On July 9, 1788, a supplement to a Continental Congress land ordinance of May 20, 1785, authorized the Secretary at War to issue bounty-land warrants to eligible veterans of the Revolutionary War or to their assigns or legal representatives. When the First U.S. Congress authorized the establishment of a Department of War in the newly formed Federal Government on August 7, 1789 (1 Stat. 50), the Secretary of War was given the responsibility of issuing bounty-land warrants. By 1810 the Office of Military Bounty Lands and Pensions had been formed within the Office of the Secretary of War to examine claims and to issue warrants. In 1815 the pension and bounty-land duties of the War Department were assigned to separate bureaus, and bounty-land matters were handled thereafter by an administrative unit known successively as the Land Warrant Bureau, the Section of Bounty Lands, and the Bounty Land Office. On November 1, 1841, the Secretary of War placed the bounty-land functions under the direction of the Commissioner of Pensions. This arrangement was formally authorized by an act of Congress approved January 20, 1843 (5 Stat. 597). The laws relating to the granting of bounty-land warrants were administered by the Department of the Interior after the Pension Office was transferred to that Department in 1849.

Depending upon the period in which a claim was made, claimants for bounty-land warrants based on Revolutionary War service sent applications for adjudication to either the Secretary of War, the Commissioner of Pensions, or the Secretary of the Interior. Affidavits of witnesses testifying to service performed, marriage records, and other forms of evidence, were also forwarded. Property schedules were unnecessary as indigency was not a requirement for the award of a



Revolutionary War bounty-land warrant. A claimant whose application was approved was issued a warrant for a specified number of acres. He could then "locate" his warrant; that is, he could select the portion of the public domain that he wished to have in exchange for his warrant. The Treasury Department, and after 1849 the Interior Department, accepted the warrants and issued patents to the land. Many recipients of Revolutionary War bounty-land warrants did not choose to locate the warrants and to settle on the public domain; instead, they remained in their old homes and sold the warrants.

#### **Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files**

##### **Types of Files**

The term "files," as used in this microfilm publication, denotes 10" x 14" envelopes containing applications or other records pertaining to claims for pensions or bounty-land warrants; 10" x 14" cards summarizing information about claimants for whom no original application papers exist; and 10" x 14" cards that serve as cross-references to envelopes and summary cards. A file can therefore be a single card or it can be an envelope containing from 1 to 200 or more pages of records. The typical file is an envelope containing about 30 pages of records, consisting generally of the application or applications of one or more claimants, other documents submitted as evidence of identity and service, and papers showing actions taken by the Government concerning the claim or claims. Each file pertains to one or more claims by one or more persons for pensions or bounty-land warrants based on the participation of one individual in the Revolution. Some files relate to claims based on post-Revolutionary War service.

Before 1910 Revolutionary War pension application papers were folded and placed in numbered paper jackets arranged in three series. One series was reserved for approved applications of "survivors," as Revolutionary War veterans were called. The second series held approved applications of widows, and the third contained rejected applications of both survivors and widows. The series were arranged by file numbers; therefore, in order to withdraw a specific pension claim from a series, index books arranged by the first two letters of the surname of a claimant had to be laboriously examined for the pertinent file number. To eliminate the necessity of using the books and to protect the records from damage caused by frequent unfolding and refolding, the Bureau of Pensions flattened and refiled Revolutionary War pension application papers in a single series of linen-lined envelopes arranged alphabetically by surname of veteran. The project was completed in 1912. As part of the work, pension application papers of a survivor and a widow were consolidated in a single envelope if the claims seemed to be based on the service of the same person. Approved Revolutionary War bounty-land-warrant application papers were also flattened and consolidated with, or interfiled among, pension application papers at this time; previously, they had been maintained apart from the pension claims. The records reproduced in this microfilm publication have been selected from the one large series of Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant application files that resulted from the flat-filing project.

Survivors' pension application files in the series have headings normally consisting of the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served; his name; and the letter "S" for survivor, followed by a file number. A file of this



type ordinarily contains one or more post-1800 approved applications of a veteran for an invalid or service pension. The file may also contain affidavits by other veterans or persons testifying to the service or disability claimed; documentary evidence of service submitted by the applicant, such as a commission or a discharge certificate; printed briefs summarizing the service claimed; property schedules; paper jackets formerly used to hold application papers before the flat-filing project of 1910-12; certified copies of the veteran's service record provided by State officials; powers of attorney; letters from attorneys, Congressmen, and other interested persons relating to the progress of the claim; letters from genealogists and other researchers seeking information available in pension papers; and copies of replies from the Pension Office, the Bureau of Pensions, or the Veterans Administration concerning such inquiries. A fire in the War Department on November 8, 1800, apparently destroyed all Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant applications and related papers submitted before that date. Applications and related records submitted after 1800 are occasionally missing from survivors' and other types of files because papers were sometimes returned to applicants by the Pension Office.

Widows' pension application files have headings usually consisting of the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served; his name; his widow's name; and the letter "W" for widow, followed by a file number. Usually only a widow's given name appears on an envelope, but if she remarried, her second husband's surname is also included, with the notation "Former Widow." A widow's pension application file may contain records normally found in a survivor's file, especially if the widow's file is a consolidation of her papers and those of the pensioned veteran who had been her husband. Whether a widow's file represents such a consolidation or relates only to pension claims made by her, it will generally contain one or more approved post-1800 applications for a pension made by the widow. Incorporated in or attached to some widows' applications is a copy of a marriage record made by a town clerk, a clergyman, or a justice of the peace. Sometimes family-record pages from Bibles and other books were also submitted by a widow as proof of marriage.

Rejected pension application files have headings usually consisting of the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served; his name; the name of his widow if the file relates to an application or applications submitted by her; and the letter "R" for rejected, followed by a file number. Each of these files normally contains one or more post-1800 rejected pension applications that were submitted by a veteran, his widow, or an heir, and that were based on the Revolutionary War service of the former serviceman. The "R" symbol on the face of the envelope usually indicates that the latest application in the file was rejected. There may be one or more approved pension applications in the file, however, if they were approved before the last application was rejected.

Pre-1800 disability-pension application files are envelopes that have headings generally consisting of the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served; his name; and the file symbol "Dis. No Papers." The symbol indicates that a veteran's original disability-pension application and related papers are not extant, presumably as a result of the War Department fire of November 1800. In place of the missing papers, most of the files contain one or more small cards that give information about an invalid pensioner or veteran (former rank, unit, enlistment date, nature of disability, residence, and amount of pension). The data were transcribed by the Bureau of Pensions from the



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Congressional publication *American State Papers, Class 9, Claims* (Washington, 1834). The volume contains information from War Department pension reports based on original application papers and submitted to Congress between 1792 and 1795. Some invalid-pension application papers submitted after 1800 were apparently destroyed in another War Department fire in August 1814. For some of these applications, pertinent entries in the 1835 *Report From the Secretary of War . . . In Relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States* (23d Cong., 1st sess., S. Doc. 514) were copied and placed in files that were also labeled "Dis. No Papers." Copying was done by the Veterans Administration, but it seems this was done only in response to and in the form of replies to inquiries concerning specific veterans.

Bounty-land-warrant application files for approved applications submitted after November 8, 1800, are envelopes that have headings consisting of the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served; his name; his widow's name if she applied for the warrant; and the symbol "B. L. Wt." for bounty-land warrant. This symbol is followed by two or three numbers, separated by hyphens, which represent the warrant number, the number of acres granted, and the year 1855 (usually written "55") in the case of warrants issued pursuant to the bounty-land act of that year. Records in the files may include applications by veterans, their widows, or heirs; family-record pages from Bibles; copies of marriage records; copies of State records showing the service of a veteran; affidavits of other persons testifying to the length or kind of service claimed; annotated paper jackets, formerly used to hold bounty-land-warrant papers before they were flat-filed, which show action taken on claims; commissions, discharges, and other original service paper; and powers of attorney.

Bounty-land-warrant files for approved officers' applications submitted before the War Department fire of November 1800 are mainly 10" x 14" cards that show the name of the State or organization for which an officer served; his name; the symbol "B. L. Wt.," followed by the warrant number and the number of acres granted; the officer's rank; the issue date of the warrant; the notation "No Papers"; and sometimes the name of a person other than the officer to whom the warrant was delivered or assigned. The original application papers are presumed to have been destroyed in the fire of 1800. About 1917 the cards were compiled by the Bureau of Pensions from entries in a surviving register listing bounty-land warrants issued to officers before November 8, 1800. After the cards were compiled it seems that upon the receipt of an inquiry pertaining to one of the officers, the card relating to that officer, the letter of inquiry, and a copy of the reply were placed in an envelope bearing the same heading as the card. As a result, some bounty-land-warrant application files for approved officers' applications submitted before November 8, 1800, are envelopes. Sometimes the card was discarded after the information it contained was added to the envelope file.

Bounty-land-warrant files for approved applications of enlisted men submitted before the War Department fire of 1800 are 10" x 14" cards headed "BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD." Each card usually gives the name of the soldier, his rank, and the name of the State or organization for which he served; the warrant number; the number of acres granted; the issue date of the warrant; and sometimes the name of a person other than the soldier to whom the warrant was delivered or assigned. The original application papers were apparently destroyed in 1800. The cards were compiled by the National Archives from entries in three registers of bounty-land warrants issued to enlisted men before

November 8, 1800. Sometimes a card was placed in an envelope containing pension application papers based on the service of the same soldier. In such a case the warrant number on the card was added to the heading on the envelope.

Bounty-land-warrant applications submitted pursuant to the act of March 3, 1855, and approved were interfiled among or consolidated with pension application papers as part of the Bureau of Pension's flat-filing project of 1910-12. The files in which these approved applications may usually be found have been described in the paragraph concerning approved bounty-land-warrant applications submitted after November 8, 1800. Most bounty-land-warrant applications submitted in accordance with the act of 1855 and rejected are in manila envelopes, the headings of which generally consist of the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served, his name, the symbol "B. L. Reg." (or "Rej.") for bounty-land register, the register entry number assigned to the application, and the year 1855 (sometimes written "55"). The face of each envelope also has a section containing military service information. The rejected applications are similar in content to those that were approved, but paper jackets accompanying rejected applications do not show warrant numbers. Some of the rejected bounty-land-warrant applications were placed in envelopes containing pension application papers based on service of the same veteran.

Consolidated files of pension and bounty-land-warrant applications and related papers are numerous, and the contents vary. Almost any combination of two or more pension and bounty-land-warrant files already described may have been consolidated. Frequently, a widow's approved pension application papers, which normally comprise a "W" file, are consolidated with approved bounty-land-warrant application papers relating to a claim made by her under the act of 1855. The resultant consolidated file bears a heading that includes both "W" and "B. L. Wt." symbols and numbers. Approved pension applications of veterans were consolidated with approved bounty-land-warrant applications of veterans or their heirs to form files with headings consisting of "S" and "B. L. Wt." symbols and numbers. Rejected pension application files may also contain approved or rejected bounty-land-warrant application papers.

"Former Widow" cross-reference cards are another type of filing unit reproduced in this microfilm publication. The cards normally show the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served, his name, the surname his former widow acquired upon remarriage, the symbol and number of the file (usually a "W" file) in which pension or bounty-land-warrant application papers or information can be found, and the notation "Former Widow." These cross-reference cards are arranged by the surname of the former widow's latest husband, not by the surname of the veteran for whose service a pension or bounty-land warrant was claimed.

Cross-reference cards also exist for variant spellings of a veteran's name. A card generally gives the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served; the spelling of his name by which that card is arranged; the spelling by which the file containing papers or information relating to his service is arranged; and the symbol and number of the latter file.

There are files with headings different from those already described whose contents reflect such differences. Some files, for instance, are labeled "Not Rev." or "Not Rev. War" and contain pension or bounty-land-warrant application



papers based on post-Revolutionary War service. The service period is usually shown on the face of the file. A number of pension files are overprinted with the statement "This Envelope Includes FINAL PAYMENT VOUCHER Received from GAO." Such vouchers, which were removed from a separate series of General Accounting Office records, sometimes give the date and place of death of a pensioner, and names of heirs.

Some pension application files reproduced in this microcopy have headings that include instructions to "See N.A. Acc. No. 874," followed by a number between 050000 and 050201, the name of the veteran, and the notation "Half Pay" or "Not Half Pay." These instructions refer to a separate series of pension application files that are also in Record Group 15. The records in these files relate mainly to claims made by heirs under an act of Congress approved July 5, 1832 (4 Stat. 563), which provided half-pay pensions for Virginia veterans of the Revolutionary War, and to claims made by heirs for arrears due veterans of Virginia and other States under other pension acts. The files in this separate series were transferred from the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department to the National Archives in 1941 and are not reproduced in this microfilm publication. Abstracts of their contents are in Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, *Revolutionary War Records, Volume I: Virginia* (Washington, 1936).

A few other pension application files in this microcopy have headings that include instructions to "See N.A. Acc. No. 837-Virginia State Navy," followed by the name of the veteran and the notation, "YS File Va. Half Pay." The instructions refer to another small series of Revolutionary War pension application files in the same record group. The contents of these additional files relate mainly to half-pay pension claims of heirs of Virginia State Navy officers under the act of July 5, 1832. The "YS" files, so designated by the Department of the Navy in accordance with a Navy classification scheme, were sent to the National Archives in 1941 by the Office of Naval Records and Library. The files have not been microfilmed or abstracted. All files for Revolutionary War claimants in both the "YS" and the Adjutant General's Office series are referred to in the headings of related files reproduced in this microfilm publication.

#### Records Withdrawn From the Files

Between 1894 and 1913 several types of records were withdrawn from Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant application files and sent by the Bureau of Pensions to other Departments or Agencies of the Federal Government. The records were generally documents of historical value dated 1775-83. Between September 6, 1894, and January 16, 1913, muster rolls, payrolls, returns, orders, and miscellaneous personnel lists and papers were sent to the War Department, pursuant to acts of Congress approved July 27, 1892 (27 Stat. 275), and August 18, 1894 (28 Stat. 403). On March 22, 1907, some lists of names of seamen taken from the files were sent to the Navy Department in accordance with an act of June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 579). Diaries, journals, orderly books, account books, and other bound records removed from files were transferred to the Library of Congress on February 9, 1909, under the terms of an act of February 25, 1903 (32 Stat. 865). There are cross-reference slips in the files to describe the records that were transferred and to indicate the Government Department or Agency to which they had been sent.

### Informational Value of Records in the Files

The records contain both historical and genealogical information. Historical information pertaining to the organization of military units, movement of troops, details of battles and campaigns, and activities of individuals, may be obtained from application statements of veterans; from affidavits of witnesses; and from the muster roll, diary, order, or orderly book that was occasionally submitted as proof of service and was not sent by the Bureau of Pensions to another Government Department or Agency. Naval and priv 'eer operations are documented by applications, affidavits, and orders in some files based on service at sea. A few files contain letters written to or by soldiers and sailors during the Revolutionary War, which give firsthand accounts of military, naval, and civil events and conditions. Furloughs, passes, pay receipts, enlistment papers, commissions, warrants, and other original records of the period 1775-83 are also in some of the files. Generally, the records described have not been reproduced in this microfilm publication unless they also contain genealogical information.

Genealogical information is usually available in a file containing original application papers. A veteran's pension application normally gives—in addition to his former rank, unit, and period of service—his age or date of birth, his residence, and sometimes his birthplace. Property schedules often give names and ages of a veteran's wife and children. The application of a widow seeking a pension or a bounty-land warrant may give her age, residence, maiden name, date and place of her marriage, and date and place of death of her husband. A copy of a marriage record made by a town clerk, a clergyman, or a justice of peace, often accompanied the widow's pension application. Application papers submitted by children and other heirs or dependents seeking pensions or bounty-land warrants generally contain information about their ages and residences. Family-record pages from Bibles and other books submitted by pension and bounty-land-warrant applicants give the dates of birth, marriage, and death of family members. In a few pension files are final payment vouchers that sometimes contain information about the date and place of a pensioner's death and names of his heirs.

### Selection of Files and Records

Each file that is a single 10" x 14" summary or cross-reference card has been reproduced in this microfilm publication. From envelope files containing a total of 10 or fewer pages of records, all the records have been microfilmed in their entirety. These files may be recognized by a star next to the veteran's surname in the heading.

From envelope files containing more than 10 pages of records, only the more significant genealogical documents have been selected for reproduction. From each file some of the following documents, if present, were selected in whole or in part: pension applications, jackets showing the act under which pension payments were made, bounty-land-warrant applications, jackets showing the warrant numbers of warrants granted, property schedules, family-record pages from Bibles or other books, copies of marriage records, and final payment vouchers. Occasionally some other document was selected. Because not every page of every selected document was microfilmed, especially in the case of lengthy documents, some records reproduced in this microfilm publication end abruptly in mid-sentence. The unfilmed pages generally consist of attestations or



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#### Arrangement of Files and Records

The files, with the exception of "Former Widow" cross-reference cards, are arranged in alphabetical order by the surname of the veteran. When two or more veterans have the same surname and given name, the further arrangement of the files based on their service is generally alphabetical by the name of the State or organization for which a veteran served, or by the word "Continental," "Navy," or some other service designation placed in the heading of some files above or before the name of a State. "Former Widow" cross-reference cards are arranged by the surname that the former widow acquired upon remarriage. Within each file, the records are unarranged.

#### Related Records and Sources of Information

Also in Record Group 15 are letterbooks, registers, and other administrative records of the Pension Office and its successors relating to Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant applications. Bounty-land warrants are in Record Group 49, Records of the Bureau of Land Management. Pension payment books and final payment vouchers are in Record Group 217, Records of the United States General Accounting Office. Correspondence of the Secretary of War and of the Secretary of the Interior concerning their supervision of pension and bounty-land-warrant matters is in Record Group 107, Records of the Office of the Secretary of War, and in Record Group 48, Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior.

Military service records for Revolutionary War soldiers are in Record Group 93, War Department Collection of Revolutionary War Records. Naval and marine personnel records are in Record Group 45, Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library, and Record Group 127, Records of the United States Marine Corps. For additional records of Revolutionary War service in State organizations, and for records of applications made to individual States for pensions or bounty-land, researchers should communicate with State archival agencies.

The names of most of the servicemen for whom there are pension or bounty-land-warrant application files reproduced in this microfilm publication are listed in Max E. Hoyt, *et al.*, *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications* (Washington, 1966). Information of a general historical nature concerning pension and bounty-land-warrant legislation and administration is available in Gustavus A. Weber, *The Bureau of Pensions* (Baltimore, 1923); Gustavus A. Weber and Laurence F. Schmeckebier, *The Veterans' Administration, Its History, Activities and Organization* (Washington, 1934); William H. Glasson, *History of Military Pension Legislation in the United States* (New York, 1900), and *Federal Military Pensions in the United States* (New York, 1918); and Payson J. Treat,

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*The National Land System, 1785-1820* (New York, 1910). Many of the laws relating to pensions and bounty-land warrants granted for Revolutionary War service, and regulations established by the Secretaries of War, the Treasury, and the Interior for administering them, are compiled in Robert Mayo and Ferdinand Moulton, *Army and Navy Pension Laws, and Bounty Land Laws of the United States . . . From 1776 to 1852* (Washington, 1852).

These introductory remarks were written by Howard H. Wehmann.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Risdale, William GRADE Private LINE New York

WARRANT NUMBER 7690 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED Sept. 15, 1790  
to John Hinton, assignee

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

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N<sup>o</sup> 2890  
Pennsylvania

John Risdell

of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania  
who was a Marine in the Ship <sup>Whisperer</sup> commanded  
by Captain Wickes of the <sup>commanded</sup>  
in the Marine service  
from one year Delaware

Died 6<sup>th</sup> December 1834.

Navy Service. Records of Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 1834

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania  
at the rate of 14.0 Dollars - <sup>Coms per annum,</sup>  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the eighth day of December  
1832 and sent to Pensioner  
Lancaster P.

Amount to 4th of Sept. 1832	60.00
Servant. allowance ending 11. March 1833	20.00
	<u>\$ 80.00</u>

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by J. Brown  
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Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the  
Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 1832.

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County

On this twentieth day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, now sitting John Resdel, a resident of the City of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, aged about seventy five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. - That he was born in May AD 1757, in Kent County, State of Delaware, that he enlisted in the ~~maine~~ service of the United States, in the month of April AD 1776, with the view of being stationed at a redoubt, a little distance below Wilmington in the State of Delaware.

On our arrival there, we found there was already more than was necessary; the surplus was discharged, I was one of the number. I then enlisted under an officer for the maine service in the ship Reprisal for one year, then fitting out at Philadelphia, commanded by Captain Lambert Wickes. When we were ready to sail we received information in Philadelphia, that the British armed ships, the Roebuck and Liverpool were in the bay, and to prevent them from coming up to the City, the Reprisal with an armed brig and another smaller vessel went down the river to assist the Row Gallies, thirteen in number. The enemy at this time were near a little town called Marcus Hook. As some of the gallies were deficient in men to work them, our Captain desired some of us to go and volunteer our services to man the gallies. I went with some others on board of the gallies and assisted to cannonade the enemy till night, at which time we repaired to Chester, ~~there~~ till next morning when we renewed the battle opposite the mouth of the Brandywine where we continued

till night, when sailing up the Brandywine we came to the redoubt below Wilmington. On the third day we prepared to engage them again but found they had dropped down to deep water point and the same day stood out at sea. Shortly after, we sailed to Cape May, remained there a short time, then sailed for Cape Francis I think for the purpose of taking Mr. Bingham there, as an agent. While out we took two prizes, one, a ship of about four hundred ton, laden with sugar, rum and cocoa nuts. I was put on ~~the~~board this vessel <sup>Captain Sparks, Prize master,</sup> as cabin boy & we carried her safe to Philadelphia. I received about one hundred dollars prize money. After the ~~Prize~~ arrived at Philadelphia, I again went on board of her, and shortly after sailed for France, with Dr. Franklin, on board, who was then going out as minister to France.

On our passage we took two vessels belonging to the British, which we carried with us into Quiberon Bay, this was in the fall of 1776. We landed the Doctor at a place called Auray, we afterwards sailed up the river Loir, as far as our vessel could go. After we had taken in fresh supplies we went on a cruise into the British Channel, and took three prizes one of which was a Lisbon Packet, called the Hornet, who fought desperately before she surrendered, we took them into Lorient, here our ship was hove down refitted and fresh supplied. We again sailed on a cruise with two smaller armed vessels, entered the North Channel and took nineteen sail; one we gave to the prisoners, manned five and sunk the remainder, two of these five were recaptured, the others got into port, and we being closely chased by a seventy four gun ship, were obliged to throw our guns overboard in order to effect an escape and got safe into Saint Malo.

Here I becoming sick, was taken to the hospital in the town of St. Malo; my complaint was an abscess in the stomach which remained about three months before it broke. In the mean time our vessel sailed and I was left behind. I remained in this hospital about four months before I was able to leave it. Before I had fairly recovered from this illness I was seized with the small pox,



the effects of which complaints, I was not fairly rid of, for about three years. I was now in a strange Country without money, and by the time I was able to effect my passage to America, I was absent twelve years or upwards; and in the year 1791 I arrived at Baltimore, from thence I went to Philadelphia, and in the year 1794 or 95 I received my pay, at which time I left with the officer who settled my account, two documents, one a certificate from the Hospital at Saint Malo, and one from the Surgeon of the Admiralty.

The manner in which I was left abroad prevents me from having any discharge or other written evidence of service, and having lived in the State of Delaware previous to my entering the service, and having resided in Pennsylvania ever since my return, I can have no recollection of any living witnesses that could testify to the facts, stated in my application. And further, the account is, that after the Reprisal left me, on her passage home, she foundered at sea, and all the crew, save one man, perished in the wreck. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid, in open Court

John Rissdel

Attest Christ. Luckman  
Clerk.

W<sup>m</sup> Burrell Henranchyman residing in the City of Lancaster and James Hopkins of said City hereby certify That we are well acquainted with John Rissdel who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy five years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, by Burrell Henranch and James Hopkins in open Court

Burrell Henranch

James Hopkins

Attest Christ. Luckman  
Clerk.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster City & Co.

Before me Samuel Dale one of  
the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas  
of Lancaster County, personally came Mary  
Rissdel of the same City, who on her oath, saith,

I was born in Kent County, State of Delaware  
in the year 1765. I remember that my brother  
John Rissdel enlisted in the spring of the year 1776  
under Captain John Roads, but for what station  
do not recollect. I remember very well that  
my mother went to Philadelphia to see my brother  
on the arrival of the ship at Philadelphia, and that  
mother brought home several articles got from him.

From this time I did not hear any thing of my  
brother for many years, except by one single letter  
received within that interval.

Saw and Subscribed  
August 21, 1832, before me, Mary & Rissdel  
the deponent being weak  
and unable to attend at the Court and that she is a  
person of Creditability, & respectability  
Sam Dale

State of Pennsylvania

Lancaster County

I Christian Beckman Prothonary of the Court  
of Common Pleas in and for said County do hereby certify that  
Samuel Dale Esquire before whom the foregoing affidavit was  
made was at the time of the taking thereof, and now is, one  
of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said

County, duly commissioned and qualified.  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of  
said Court at Lancaster this third day of November Anno Domini 1832.

Christian Beckman  
Prothonary



**BRIEF in the case of** *John Resid of Lancaster, County*  
**of** *Lancaster* **in the State of** *Pennsylvania*  
**(Act 7 June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *75.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.	
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
In 1776 on Board the Ship <i>Reprisal</i> , & was one of the crew of the same ship that carried out to Bingham to Cape Francis and Dr Franklin to France, was taken sick landed & placed in the Hospital, there got the small pox, which continued for 2 years.	1,			Sailor	Capt Lambert Wick.

5. In what battles was he engaged? *with the Ships in the Delaware & captures on the Ocean of Merchant Vessels.*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Kent County, Delaware.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls?  
*Living & traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

*Correct*

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*James M. Holmes*

Examining Clerk.

Lancaster Pa Sept 12. 1837.

J. L. Edwards Esq.  
Commr of Pensions.

Sir,

Mr John Rissel of this place, a Revolutionary soldier, died in Decr 1834. The amount of pension then due, was so small that his widow did not think proper to incur the expense of applying for it; she has since become more needy & now makes application.

More than 12 months having elapsed, the officers of the Girard Bank require an order before payment can be made. I would  
you - (Mr Rissel drew \$40. per annum in his life time; about 3 months pay was due at his death.)

Enclosed is the Power of Attorney presented at the Bank. Respectfully yours

Saml Dale



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*Risdon, Daniel*

*S. 32481*

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State of Vermont -  
Rutland County. - I Daniel Risdon, of Pawlet,  
in said County, being duly sworn, depose and  
say, That I was born at Stratford, Ct. on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 1763. In the year 1778, and previously,  
I resided with my father, Elisha Risdon, in  
the town of Rupert, Vt. At that period, the  
militia in the vicinity of my residence were  
formed by the government, into classes which,  
respectively, held themselves in readiness, and  
were liable to be called on, for the performance  
of military duty, in the defence of the country, against  
the incursions of its enemies, both civilized and  
savage, and in forming and maintaining of  
garrisons, for the protection of the inhabitants.  
And, whenever a portion of the militia were  
required to muster, for those purposes, it  
became the duty of each one, who was notified,  
to repair in person, or, by substitute, to the  
place of rendezvous. In the spring of 1778, my  
father, and others of the militia, received a sum-  
mons from the County Committee, through  
the medium of the town Committee to assem-  
ble at a blockade fort in Rutland, for the  
purpose of guarding some public stores, at  
that place, and of defending the country  
and its inhabitants, but he, being then, up-  
wards of fifty years of age, and much engaged  
with his private concerns, saw fit, with the  
concurrence of Lt. Holmes, to depute me,  
in his stead, as I was, then, very robust, and  
quite willing to perform a tour of military  
service. Accordingly, in the month of May,  
in that year, I went to the fort, in Rutland,  
known as "Col. Allen's fort" situated near  
the falls, at what is now "Mill Village".  
The fort enclosed nearly an acre of ground.  
In one part of it was a large building, con-  
taining a considerable quantity of flour,  
liquors, potatoes, peas, beans and other stores  
belonging to the United States, which



were under the control of a commissary, named  
Mont. At one corner of the fort was a  
block house, in which were placed powder  
and ball. The garrison, at the fort, consisted  
of about fifty men, and were commanded  
by Capt. Sawyer, Lt. Holmes, Sargt May,  
Blodget. - Cpl. Sargt. Anselmus Risdorff,  
who is my brother, and whose affidavit  
was filed with my original declaration.  
The garrison were employed, some of  
them, in scouting, while others remained  
at the fort, in discharge of the usual duties  
among others, it was customary to parade  
and exercise, twice, each day - in which,  
I always participated - and when off  
duty, acted as waiter to Lt. Holmes.  
On one occasion, five Indians were discovered,  
lurking about the fort and apprehending an  
attack from them and others, Sargt May,  
Blodget directed the men to bring a quantity  
of water from the flume near Mead's  
mill, to be used in extinguishing fire, if  
it should be needed - At another  
time, while I was standing sentry, upon  
the block house, I discovered a person  
creeping along near the fort, whom I  
supposed to be an Indian, and after  
hailing, fired my piece, which roused  
the garrison, but nothing further was seen  
of the object causing the alarm.

There was, at the same time, a fort at Pittsford  
and one at Castleton, with which, our men  
had some communication - Col. Warner  
was actively engaged in that part of the  
country, and I frequently saw him at the  
forts.

Though the garrison usually consisted  
of about fifty men, they were fluctuating  
and many returned home during the  
summer - their places being supplied by others.

Such, as I have described it, was the  
routine of duty, during the whole period

of my service. I received no pay for my  
services, nor did my father; and do not  
~~remember~~ but, that any thing was said  
about the amount of compensation, to  
which the soldier was entitled. I was  
dismissed, in December, by Lt. Holmes,  
after having served seven months. My  
declaration was made before the  
Rutland County Court, at its Sept. Term  
1833, and the Chief Justice (Williams) par-  
ticularly questioned me, as to my service,  
and, after the examination, expressed his  
full belief in the correctness of my relation.  
Subscribed, and sworn  
to be true according to  
his remembrance be-  
fore me April 14. 1835.

Daniel Addison

N. Harmon Just. Peace

J. L. Edwards Esq.

I have as yet, been un-  
able to procure any other evidence, than  
the affidavit of Risdon, that the State of  
Vermont maintained a permanent camp  
at Rutland, in 1778 - there being no person  
in vicinity knowing the fact. - But hope  
the foregoing will be sufficient.

Respectfully  
J. L. Edwards



STATE OF VERMONT,  
RUTLAND COUNTY, ss.

On this 19 day of Sept. A. D. 1833

personally appeared before the *County* Court of the County of Rutland  
*Daniel Redden* a resident of the County of Rutland and State of  
Vermont, aged *70* years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on  
his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provis-  
ion made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army  
of the United States, in the year *1778* and served in *Col. Herrick's*

Regiment of the *Vermont* line under the follow-

ing named officers. Capt Jere Sawyer, St. Matthew  
Helmus - - Scott Esq. was Commissary, Lieutenant  
Major Bloodet - O. Redon Adesly Bryant - These  
he lived at Newport, Vermont, when he <sup>by contract</sup> ~~engaged~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>his father</sup> ~~service~~ <sup>Elishe Redon</sup>  
service, & engaged as a substitute for <sup>his father</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Elishe Redon</sup>  
who was drafted for six months, & the deponent  
joined his company at the Fort at Rutland the  
last of April or 1. May, & when his time was  
out the 1. Nov. his officers requested him to remain  
a month longer, & he did so, & was discharged  
the last of Nov. or 1. Dec. having served several  
months, but received no written discharge. The  
deponent was a large, strong & healthy boy, & his  
father Elishe Redon above named, for whom he  
was substitute, being rather infirm, & having a  
family to take care of. The deponent was accepted  
by his officers as a substitute for his said father,  
served as a priv. He was born in Stratford  
Connecticut, in 1763, the 11. Oct. His age is record  
there, & in a book he has at home. Since the  
revolutionary war he has lived in Newport &  
Rutland the whole time, & for 30 years past has  
lived in Rutland. There were no other commissioned  
officers that he knew, than those above named,  
that he recollects, & no other ~~troops~~ <sup>troops</sup>.  
He further says that there is no clergyman

in Parker except Mr. Plumb, who has been there  
but a short time, & with whom he is but little  
acquainted - but he is known to Milton Brown  
Esq. & Mr. Ezra Andrews, who are present, & to  
most of the people of Parker

We Ezra Andrews & Milton Brown, both of Parker in  
the County of Rutland, hereby certify that we are well  
acquainted with Daniel Rison, who has subscribed  
to this declaration - that 70 years old -  
that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood  
where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution  
& that we concur in that opinion  
Sworn & subscribed this  
day of June 1837

Ezra Andrews  
Milton Brown

~~Robert Rison~~  
R. Rison

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the  
present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in  
any State.

David Rison

Sworn to and subscribed the  
day and year aforesaid

R. Rison Clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant  
was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. *It is the Court's further opinion that*  
*it appears to them that Milton Brown Esq. & Ezra Andrews, who have signed the foregoing*  
*certificate, are residents of Parker & are credible persons, & that their*  
*statements are entitled to credit.*

I Robert Rison Clerk of the Court of Rutland  
County do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the original pro-  
ceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Daniel Rison  
for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and

seal of office, at Rutland this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1837

R. Rison



## DECLARATION.

State of *New York* } ss.  
County of *Erie*

On this *12th* day of *June* A. D. 1855, personally appeared before me, *J. H. Candee* a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, *Daniel Riddow* aged *89* years, a resident of the *Town* of *Evans* in the State of *New York* who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical *Daniel Riddow* who was a *private* in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War; that on account of his services in said War he was allowed and is now actually in receipt of a Pension under the Act of Congress, passed on the *7th* day of *June* A. D. 1854 at the rate of \$ *23<sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub>* per annum, as will more fully appear by reference to the evidence now on file in the Pension Office at the City of Washington.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act approved March 3d, 1855.

He also declares that he has never received any Bounty Land Warrant under this or any other Act of Congress, nor made any other application therefor.

Claimant's Signature.

*Daniel Riddow*

WE, *Julius M. Grady* and *Henry M. Kevett* residents of *Evans* in the State of *New York* upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by *Daniel Riddow* in our presence; and that, from the appearance and statements of the applicant, we believe that he is the identical person he represents himself to be.

Signatures of Witnesses.

*Julius M. Grady*  
*Henry M. Kevett*

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person he represents himself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

Signature of the Magistrate.

*J. H. Candee*  
*Justice of the Peace*

P. S. *Comr. L. J. Sir*

*Please direct your order to*  
*J. H. Candee Esq. Pontiac P. O. Erie Co. N. Y.*  
*Dr. Much obliged, yours*  
*J. H. Candee*





April 11, 1936

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James R. Horner  
1315 West 63rd Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Levi Dashiell  
O.F.M. Ctf. 980, in lieu of \$ty. 34.  
Daniel Rison, S. 32481  
BA-J/MCS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for the records of Revolutionary War soldiers, Levi Dashiell or Dashiell and Daniel Rison.

The War of 1812 records of this office give the following data in regard to Levi Dashiell or Dashiell.

He enlisted May 26, 1814, place not stated, and served as private in Captain Stansbury's company in the 38th Regiment of United States Infantry and he died in the service February 12, 1815.

He had been a resident of Somerset County, Maryland.

This soldier was survived by the following children: Betsy Ann who was about twelve years of age in 1819 and was the eldest, Levin, Peter, Sally and John. In 1819 these children were referred to as orphans and in 1835 they were all of age. There are no data relative to the soldier's wife.

In 1817 one William Fontaine of Somerset County, Maryland, was appointed guardian of the children of Levi Dashiell or Dashiell.

On account of the death of the soldier while in the service the above-noted children received, in lieu of bounty land, pension for five years, which pension commenced October 5, 1819.

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The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S. 32481, based upon the military service of Daniel Rison.

He was born October 11, 1763, in Stratford, Connecticut.

While living in Rupert, Vermont, he enlisted the last of April or first of May, 1778, as substitute for his father, Elisha Rison, who was then "upwards of fifty years of age" and served until the last of November or first of December, 1778, seven months in all, as private in Captain Jesse Sawyer's company in Colonel Samuel Herrick's Vermont regiment, and was engaged in performing garrison duty at a fort in Rutland, Vermont.

He moved from Rupert to Pawlet, Vermont, about 1803.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1833, at which time he was living in Pawlet, Vermont.

In 1849 this soldier was living in Erie County, New York, with post office at Collins Centre. In that year reference was made to his son-in-law but his name was not given. In 1858 the soldier was living in LaSalle County, Illinois, with post office at Leland.

Onesim or Onesimus Rison, resident of Livonia, Livingston County, New York, in 1833 stated that he was orderly sergeant in the same company with his brother, Daniel Rison. Onesim or Onesimus Rison was dead in 1837.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator



SERVICE

NUMBER

*Conn.*

*Risdon, John*

*818,569*

*Carded*

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N<sup>o</sup> 18478  
Vermont

John Erisdon

Bainbridge Co. in the State of Vermont  
who was a Pr. V Srgt. in the company commanded  
by Captain Hanchett of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Willis in the Con. H. Troops  
time for 10 months Srgt. — 50.00  
7 " Pr. — 23.33

\$73.33

Inscribed on the Roll of Vermont  
at the rate of 73 Dollars 33 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 14th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 5. day of Sept.  
1833 and sent to Phil Curtis  
East Rupert Vt.

Arrears to the 14th of Sept. 1833 182.33  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 6. March 1834 36.66

\$219.99

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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State of Vermont.  
County of Bennington  
Manchester District

Be it remembered that at  
a Probate Court held at Man-  
chester in & for the said District  
on the Sixteenth day of August  
1832.

Present  
The Hon. Myron Clark Judge

On this Sixteenth day of August in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two  
personally appeared in open Court before me Judge of the  
District Court of the district of Manchester in & for the  
County of Bennington in the State above said John Weston  
now a resident of the town of Rupert in said County  
of Bennington & State of Vermont aged Eighty two years  
& three months being first duly sworn according to Law  
to tell the truth make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress  
passed June 4 1832. John Weston was born in the  
town of Stratford & County of Fairfield & State of Con-  
necticut on the twenty third day of April in the year  
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty at  
which place I resided with my father until May 18th  
near a law I moved to Bennington in this County upon  
the 1st of June 1775 I enlisted in the militia in the County of  
Hartford & State of Connecticut & entered the service of  
the United States in the war of the Revolution for  
seven months I was mustered in Capt Oliver Huns-  
et Company Col. Huns- Regiment Genl Spencer's  
Brigade of the Connecticut militia I marched from that  
place with my company & joined my Regiment at  
Roxbury some time in the month of June on the 17th day  
of June was with my Regiment in the detachment in New  
Brunswick & saw the conflagration of Charlottown where I was  
stationed until some time in the fall of that year I marched  
with Capt Hancock from Roxbury to Canada in Col. Huns-  
et Regiment to Quebec through a circuitous route from Can-  
bridge to Newbury Port then took shipping & proceeded up the  
St Lawrence River & then took batteau & proceeded by carrying the  
boats round the falls & so from River to River through the woods  
& crossed the St Lawrence where Genl Wolfe landed his Army  
on Abraham Plains before Quebec the next day we retreated back

as far as Point De Humble (our powder being damaged) we  
then moved ammunition from Point Montgomery & then returned  
to Quillick during this time my term of service for seven  
months expired & I ~~then~~ enlisted again under the said Oliver  
Hanchet. a Major & Col. Penn. during the Siege of Quillick  
who was under the command of General Montgomery  
that during the said Siege of Quillick I was in the  
batter of the Lower town & then was taken prisoner  
by the British & during this last service I was appointed Ordnance  
Sergeant & did that duty until the time I was taken  
Prisoner, whilst I was a prisoner at Quillick I was  
put into close confinement within the walls of that  
Prison & secured with iron. I further state that I was  
taken prisoner at the fall of Montgomery some of the last days  
of December 1775 & remained such Prisoner at Quillick until  
some time in the fall of the year 1776 which was about  
nine months when I was paroled at Quillick & on said  
road then passed in a British Steamboat which sailed down  
the Delaware & came into the Gulf of a Newfound land &  
remained with us to sea for about six weeks we arrived  
in the Harbour of New York & finally were landed at  
Elizabeth Point in a Regulus which I think was in  
October of that year. I never received a discharge and  
neither nor have any information of me being exchanged  
as a prisoner nor have I now in my possession nor did I at  
the time of my parole or at any time since have any  
documentary evidence or written discharge from the  
Service of the United States as far as I know that the knowing  
of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify  
except ~~Robert Sykes~~ whose testimony is ~~known~~ <sup>known</sup>  
to the Service in the year of the Revolution & of  
which I never saw any return whatever to a pension or annuity  
(except the pension) & declaring that his name is not  
on the pension roll of the agency of any State  
I further state that I have resided in the town of Rappahannock  
for the greater part of the time since the close of the Revolution  
for more than thirty years I am well known to William  
Jackson the Mayor of the town of ~~Dorchester~~ <sup>Dorchester</sup> & to ~~Robert Sykes~~ <sup>Sykes - Mayor of</sup>  
of the town of Rappahannock & then to the for more than thirty years  
& that I have no record of any age except it is to be found in the  
town clerk's office in the town of Stratford in the State of Connecticut.



Sworn to & subscribed the day &  
year aforesaid in open Court  
Attest Henry Robinson  
Register

John Rison

I Asahel Lykes of the town of Rupert in the County of Ben-  
nington & State of Vermont aged seventy six years being duly  
sworn in open Court do depose & say that I am well ac-  
quainted with John Rison & was so from the year  
one thousand seven hundred & seventy five that I was per-  
sonally & know that he enlisted in to the Company of Oliver Stan-  
ch of Col. Miller's Regt & Genl. Spencer's Brigade of the Con-  
necticut line at the town of Suffield & State aforesaid as a  
soldier in the Revolutionary war & marched with this Regiment  
to Roxbury near Boston & there joined the Regiment of  
Col. Miller & continued there with the said Company with me  
until the fall of the same year when he marched with  
the said Capt. March to Canada & further that he  
saw the said John Rison soon after his return from Canada  
who then informed this deponent that he was present at the  
siege of Lac La Poudre & the fall of Gen. Montgomerie & of his being  
taken prisoner at that siege & confined in prison & finally of his  
being paroled by the British & that he was gone about eight or  
ten months as near as he can recollect & further saith not.

18. m.

Sworn to & subscribed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832

in open Court before me

Attest Henry Robinson Register

Asahel Lykes

Bannington County - We William Jackson a clergyman residing in the  
town of Dorset in the Parish of Dorset & County of Bennington  
dole of the Dorset & Bennington County & State aforesaid hereby certify  
that they are well acquainted with John Rison who has sub-  
scribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be  
eighty two years of age that he is reported & believed to have been a  
soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion

Sworn to & subscribed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832  
in open Court before me  
Attest Henry Robinson Register

Wm Jackson  
Asahel Lykes

**BRIEF in the case of** *John Pisan*  
**of** *Providence* **in the State of** *Rhode Island*  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *open Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *82 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.	
	Years,	Months,	Days.		Gen.	
<i>May 1775</i> <i>time not accurately stated</i>		<i>7</i>		<i>Private or all rank</i>	<i>Capt. Hancock</i>	<i>Col. Willis</i> <i>Col. Greene</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Battle of Saybrook*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Supplied by certificate*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *By living witnesses*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?  
*Papers not attached as required*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Richard B. Smith*  
**Examining Clerk.**



RECORD DIVISION.

3-525.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
 for a statement of the military history of *John Bisdon*  
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
 information as contained in his (~~or his widow's~~) application for pen-  
 sion on file in this Bureau. *L. J. 18569*

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>May 1, 1775</i>	<i>7 mos.</i>	<i>Priv + Ordly Sgt.</i>	<i>Oleiver Hancock</i>	<i>Wheeler &amp; Arnold</i>	<i>Conn.</i>
<i>Dec 1, 1775</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>Ordly Sgt.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Arnold</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Captured late in Dec 1775 or Jan. 1, 1776 and held in Quebec until August 1776        when he was sent to Elizabeth R. J. and there paroled in Oct. 1776.</i>					

Battles engaged in, *Quebec.*Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Enl at Suffield Hartford Co. Conn.*Date of application for pension, *Aug 16 1832. Her claim was allowed*Residence at date of application, *Resident Bennington Co. Vt.*Age at date of application, *6 in Stratford Fairfield Co Conn. Apr 25, 1750.*Remarks: *There is no family data on file*

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

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New York N: 28. 676

Onesimus Risdon

of Richmond in the State of N. York

who was a Private in the command  
by Captain of the Regt. command  
by Col. Herrick in the Vermont Troops  
time for 16 months

Inscribed on the Roll of New York

at the rate of 53 Dollars 33 Cents per ann  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1834 and sent to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Beale  
Canandaigua N. Y.

Arrears to the 4th of March 1834	159.99
Semi-ant. allowance ending 1/2 Sep. "	26.66

\$186.65

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

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**BRIEF in the case of *Onesimus Rison***  
**of *Richmond* in the State of *N. York***  
**(Act 7th June, 1838.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *in open Court*

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he? *Seventy two*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
In 1777		<i>9</i>		<i>Private</i>	<i>Col: Harriett</i>
1778		<i>3</i>			<i>Col: Clark</i>
1779		<i>4</i>			<i>Col: Bronson</i>
1780		<i>3</i>		<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Col: Sawyer</i>
		<i>19</i>			

5. In what battles was he engaged? *10*

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Burnington - Vermont*

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditionary evidence alone*

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *the papers are correct in form and authentication*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned:

*Onesimus Rison* *Examining Clerk.*

State of New York  
Ontario County 3<sup>d</sup>

In this twenty eighth day of August 1832  
personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of  
the County Court now sitting, Mesieurs Bicklow, a  
resident of the town of Richmond, County and State  
affirmed, being Twenty Two years, who being first  
duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make  
the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit  
of the act of Congress, passed July 1832.

That he entered the service of the United  
States under the following named officers, and  
served as herein stated

- 1<sup>st</sup> At Bennington in Vermont in the Spring of 1777  
he volunteered for 3 months in Captain Samuel  
Robinsons Company and was marched to Manchester  
New and done duty there and on that frontier, and after  
some time, he enlisted into Captain Warner's company  
of Rangers, in Colonel Herricks Regiment, for six months  
and continued at Manchester until August, and then  
went to Bennington, and was in the Battle of Benning-  
ton, under General Starkes, and after the Battle went  
back to Manchester, this was in August. He was then  
transferred to Lieutenant Eastman. He was detached after this  
with six others and sent to Skunabore, and brought off  
a Prisoner to head quarters. Was then marched to  
Pawlet, then to Lake George, and captured the garrison  
at that place, <sup>at</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~defiance~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~Mount Hope~~  
and the French lines, and while there reconnoitered the  
Fort at Ticonderoga several days, and then went  
<sup>up</sup> ~~down~~ Lake George to Diamond Island, with the Stores;  
could not land there and destroyed the Stores, and  
landed in the Woods, and marched to Champlain in  
a detached party. The army was scattered - got back  
to Skunabore in a boat, and was then <sup>sent</sup> to Pawlet and  
the Company was formed there again. Was then marched to  
Mount Independence, and then back to Pawlet  
and was on Scouts against the Tories - Took four  
of them - remained here until the latter part of December  
and was then discharged. Served nine months.



2<sup>d</sup> In the Spring of the year 1778. at Bennington as afore-  
said, he enlisted in Captain Allen's Company in Colonel  
Clark's ~~Regiment~~ Regiment for three months. marched to Pittsford  
and built two Boats, called "Clark" and "Allen", to Scout  
in, and was often sent out in them, to Middlebury Falls  
and <sup>at</sup> the end of the term, was discharged at Pittsford.

3<sup>d</sup> In the Spring of 1779 at Bennington as aforesaid he  
enlisted in Captain Briggs' Company in Colonel Bronson's  
Regiment for three months, and went to Pittsford and  
was sent out on Scouts the whole term, and <sup>at</sup> the end  
of the term was discharged at Pittsford. When Colonel  
Bronson urged the Company to remain until other  
troops came, and part of the Company, of which  
this declarant was one, remained another month  
when he was discharged and went home.

4<sup>th</sup> In the Spring of the year 1780 he enlisted in  
Captain Holmes' Company Colonel Sargeant's Reg-  
iment, at Bennington, and marched to the Fort at  
Rutland and there done duty for three months,  
and was 2<sup>d</sup> Sergeant of said Company. Colonel Sargeant  
signed my Warrant. at the end of the term he was  
honorably discharged. Besides three months more  
service, he was often called out on alarms, and  
continued to serve when called, during the War, as a  
minute man, but was not bound to the service after  
his enlistments as aforesaid. Has no documentary  
evidence. He has had discharges, but they are  
lost. He knows of no person whose testimony he can  
procure, who can testify to his service. He knows  
Noah Ashby and Cyrus Wells of Richmond.

He was born in Stratford State of Connecticut on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> February 1760. Has no record of his age  
- lived at Bennington when he went into the  
service, and at the close of the War in Rupert in  
Vermont. Has lived in Ontario County for thirty years  
past in the town of Richmond, where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension  
or annuity except the present, and declares his name is  
not on the Pension Roll of the Government of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year  
aforesaid in open Court

J. M. J. J.

State of New York } In the matter of Cresimus Rendon  
Ontario County } application for pension

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County, Cresimus Rendon, who being duly sworn according to law, depose and say, that when he made his declaration before the County Court on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 for a Pension, to which this is an amendment - He could not have a Cleryman to support his applications, because the Society to which he belongs in Richmond is vacant and there is no settled Cleryman -

He is required to answer the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department - The four first, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Interrogatories he answered in his original declaration, to the 5<sup>th</sup> interrogatory he now says, the Regiment of Colonel Seth Warner was in the Bennington Battle when he, the declarant was - He knew Colonel Warner - He knew General Eideon Bronson of Vermont, and served under him at Pittsford, Brandon, and Rutland - He served as under his first head nine months as a private, under his second head three months as a private, under his third head four months as a private, and under his fourth head three months as a Sergeant in all nineteen months, three months of which as a Sergeant, and sixteen months as a private, for which he claims a Pension -

Oswego May 1833

Sworn to and subscribed  
this 18 March 1833 before me

Wm. W. Phelps Not. Pub.



# POWER OF ATTORNEY

For ascertaining whether any increase or arrears of Pension are due the Widow or heirs of Revolutionary Pensioners, &c.\*

State of *New York*

County of *Ontario*

*Perry M. Bentley*  
*Hannah Reed*

Be it known that before me

a *Justice of the Peace* personally appeared

aged *54* years, who being duly cautioned and

then sworn in due form of law, states that *She* is the *Daughter* of *Onesimus Riden*

who was a Revolutionary Soldier, or Pensioner of the State of *New York*

and that he died on the *first* day of *March* *1848*. and that *her* mother named

*Sarah* died on the *tenth* day of *September* *1820*. and that they were

married on the *11th* day of *May* in the year *1780* and that they were residents of *Richmond*

in the State of *New York* and that they resided there *twenty* years, and that

*She* resides in *Richmond Ontario* and that furthermore *She* BY THESE

PRESENTS, constitutes, appoints and fully empowers and authorises irrevocably and with powers of substitution—*F. E. Hassler* of Washington City, D. C., as *her* true and lawful Attorney for *her* and in

*her* name and stead, to examine into, to prosecute, to demand, and to receive from the U. S. Government

Officers *all her* rights in all and in any manner of claim for increase or arrears of Pension or Land, that may

be due *her* as *Daughter* of *Onesimus Riden* who died leaving the

same undrawn, as in right of law, custom, or equity *She* is or may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF *She* has on this *28th* day of *February* *1852*,

hereunto signed *her* name and affixed *her* seal.

*Hannah Reed*

Witness *Mary Bentley*

Witness: *David Phillips*

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and Sworn to before me, on this *28* day of *Febry* *1852*

*Perry M. Bentley* J. P. 

At the same time personally appeared before me

*Justice of the Peace*  
*Pierpont*

two credible and disinterested witnesses named *David*

*P. M. Bentley* residents of the aforesaid County and

State, who having been by me cautioned and then duly sworn according to law, do depose and say each for

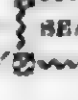
himself, that *he* has always heard it said and it is generally believed by the community that

*Onesimus Riden* was a Revolutionary soldier and that *Hannah Reed*

was by him always treated as and is by the witnesses believed to be the

*Daughter* of the said Revolutionary Soldier.

*David Pierpont* 

*P. M. Bentley* 

Sworn to before me the day and year  
first above written.

*Perry M. Bentley* J. P. 

State of *New York*

County of *Ontario*

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That

to wit:

*Perry M. Bentley* Esq.,

before whom the foregoing affidavits and acknowledgment were made, and who has thereunto subscribed his

name, was at the time of so doing, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned

at *1* *1* *1* and that his signature above written is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

the seal of *Ontario* County Court,

this *Fifth* day of *March*

one thousand eight hundred and *fifty two*

*Reuben Murray* Clerk

\* If a Widow applies state "the date of marriage, and date of death of her husband."

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
for a statement of the military history of Maximus Reid  
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-  
sion on file in this Bureau. S. 21447.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
Apr. 1777	3 mos	Pvt	Samuel C. Robinson		Vt.
	6 mos	"	Warner	Berriett	"
Apr. 1778	3 mos.	"	Allen	Black	"
Apr. 1779	4 mos.	"	Beigys	Broome	"
Apr. 1780	3 mos	2 <sup>d</sup> Sgt.	Holmes	Smyers	"

Battles engaged in, Bennington.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Bennington Vt.

Date of application for pension, Aug. 8. 1832. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Richmond Ontario Co. N.Y.

Age at date of application, 6 Feb 18 1760 at Marlboro Mass. died March 1, 1828

Remarks: soldier mar. May 11. 1780 Sarah — who died Sept 10. 1820  
Sarah Hannah Reid was 54 years and a resident of Richmond N.Y. in 1832.

Respectfully,

W. G. E. 205

Commissioner.



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*Rise, Henry B*

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

I CERTIFY, That

*W. S. Padesliff* whose  
name is subscribed to the annexed  
instrument of writing was at the  
time of subscribing the same and  
now is a Justice of the Peace for  
the County of Washington in  
the District of Columbia duly  
appointed and commissioned, and  
that full faith and credit are  
due to all his acts as such.

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In testimony whereof, I, *John Quincy Adams*  
Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto  
subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Depart-  
ment of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this *thirteen*  
day of *October* A. D. 1820.  
and of the Independence of the United States of Ame-  
rica the forty-fifth. *J. Q. Adams*

1820

District State of Columbia }  
County of Washington } p.

District — I, Henry B. Rife late of Pennsylvania & now of the said  
aged Sixty Eight years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify  
and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven, or thereabout.  
I enlisted in the army of the revolution, against the common enemy of my country,  
for the term of "during the war," and served in the Corps of Mountain Artillery —  
Van Heer — and in the regiment No. —  
under command of Colonel — of the State of —  
Pennsylvania — and that I continued in the service aforesaid until  
the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty three, when I was regularly  
discharged from the said corps at Newburgh in the State of New York

My discharge is now lost or mislaid, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate  
the above statement. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the  
Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assign-  
ed or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever: therefore,  
Know all men by these presents that I, Henry B. Rife  
aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint William Esenbeck  
of the county of Washington — and state of District Columbia  
to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive  
from the Secretary of War of the United States, or of such other person as is  
duly authorized to issue and deliver the same; a warrant for the quantity of Land  
due to me as aforesaid, and to sign a receipt or acquittance therefor; and my said  
attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or  
more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

Attest,  
W. S. Madeliff

Henry B. Rife  
return

I, William Esenbeck — aged Sixty nine  
years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, declare that I have been long  
acquainted with Henry B. Rife — who has subscribed  
the above declaration in my presence, and well know that he is the identical person  
he therein represents himself to be; and further, I know that he did perform the mi-  
litary service therein stated.

Attest  
W. S. Madeliff

Wm Esenbeck

Before me, William S. Madeliff one of the Justices of the Peace  
and for the county aforesaid — personally appeared the above named  
Henry B. Rife — subscriber to the foregoing declaration,  
and in my presence acknowledged the power of attorney thereto subjoined, to be his  
free act and deed; and, likewise, personally appeared William Esenbeck  
who hath subscribed the above certificate of identity, both  
to me well known to be men of respectability and truth, and made solemn oath to the  
truth of the depositions by them respectively subscribed, this Eleventh  
day of October — 18 20

W. S. Madeliff — Justice of the Peace.

In testimony that the abovewritten William S. Madeliff  
was a magistrate authorised to administer oaths, and take acknowledgments, &c. in the County of  
Washington District of Columbia at the above date, and that his name there  
subscribed appears to me to be his usual signature, I have hereunto affixed the county  
seal, and subscribed my name and quality, at Washington City this twelfth  
day of October — 18 20

C. Clerk, &c.



Henry Rife's  
Papers for Land  
Warrant

Mt. ip 2 No 928

## SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass.

Rise, Naum  
Rice

N. 15259

B.L. # 891-100:

Ruth

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— 891 —

Samuel Rice  
private  
3<sup>d</sup> Regt. Mass: line

Discharged March 31. 1826

Wm. S. C. Allen

Wm. S. C. Allen  
3<sup>d</sup> Regt. Mass: line  
15th 9. 1. 0



3927  
Massachusetts Roll

Naum Rise

Private  
Massachusetts line - 1780. 6 years  
In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

Inscribed on the Roll of Massachusetts  
at the rate of Eight Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1818 -

Certificate of Pension issued the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1818  
and sent to Jonathan Leavitt Post Judge  
Greenfield Mass.

Arrears to 4th of Sept 1818 4m.  $\frac{24}{30}$  - 38:40  
Semi-ann. all'ee ending 4<sup>th</sup> March 1819. - 48-

\$ 06:40

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Sunderland Franklin

Discharge sent Sep. 20 1780  
to the Collector of the P. O. at New Greenfield Mass.

Massachusetts - 2541

Ruth Rice,

widow of Aaron Rice,

who was a pensioner under the Act of 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. '18,  
and who died on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1831  
of ~~Franklin~~ in the State of Massachusetts,  
who was a ~~Pvt.~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~Mass.~~ <sup>Co.</sup> commanded  
by Captain J. H. Smith of the Regt. commanded  
by Wigglesworth in the Massachusetts  
line for 2 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Massachusetts  
at the rate of 80 Dollars - Conts per annum,  
to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1836.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept  
39, at and E. Dickinson,  
Amherst, Mass.

Bears to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March - \$240.00  
Semi-annual allowance ending

40.00

\$280.00

{ Act July 7, }  
1838.

Recorded by N. Burdick Clerk,  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN ss.

At a Special Session of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Western Circuit, began and holden at  
Greenfield, within and for the County of Franklin, on Monday the tenth day of July, in the year of our  
Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, et de die in diem to the fifteenth day of the same month,

**P**ERSONALLY appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, within and for said County of Franklin,  
established as such by the Constitution and Laws of said Commonwealth, *re Salem*

*Ree* aged *fifty three* years, resident in *Sunderland*

in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the

Revolutionary War as follows: *I entered the month of February 1777 for the term of three years in Capt Aaron Hayses Company in Col Wigglesworths Regiment in the Massachusetts line and served in the same until my term of enlistment had expired but before I was discharged I again enlisted in the same Company then commanded by Capt John H Smith 1 Regiment and line to serve during the war and was finally discharged at Westbury N. H. in June 1783. I am by occupation a laborer but old age and increasing infirmities have so far reduced my strength that I am now unable to do any labor most of the time. My family consists of myself and wife Ruth aged fifty four years who is afflicted with the dropsy and unable to do any labor. My certificate is dated October 26. 1818 the Pension to commence 1st of April 1818 and is numbered 3,927. I am very poor and entirely dependant upon my Pension for support.*



and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

*Naam Rice*

Sworn to and declared, on the *eleventh* day of July A. D. 1820, before the said Court.

Attest, *E. Alvord* CLERK



I ELIJAH ALVORD, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the Schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said Court; and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is *nineteen dollars and eighty nine cents*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, on this fifteenth day of July, 1820.

*E. Alvord* CLERK

Schedule of the Estate of Maum Rice of Greenland in the  
County of Franklin and State of Massachusetts Applicant  
for a Decree under the Act of Congress May 1. 1820.

1 Pot 1.50	1 dish Kettle 1.00	1 Tea Kettle 1.00	3.50
1 old Hiss & tongs 50cts	1 Cradle 2.00		2.50
3 old Cider Barrels 1.00	4 old Chairs 1.25		2.25
1 Pewter Plate 33cts	1 old Basin 33cts	1 Sheet 75cts	1.41
1 frying Pan 75cts	1 Quilt 25cts		1.00
1 Meat Barrel, seventy pounds Pork, Eight Bushels Corn			9.23
			<u>\$19.89</u>

Maum Rice

## DECLARATION.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, of the 7th July, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows,"

State of Massachusetts, }  
County of Franklin } ss

On this *twenty ninth* day of *September* in the year one *thousand eight hundred & thirty eight* personally appeared before the *Beaumont* of the a resident of *Scituate* in the county of *Franklin* aged *eighty three* years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the widow of *Nathan Rice* who was a *Soldier* in the *War of the Revolution*, for which Service he rec<sup>d</sup>. a pension from the United States, under the Act of Congress of *March 18. 1792* during his life.

She further declares that her maiden name was *Ruth* and that <sup>she</sup> is the widow of the identical *Nathan Rice* a pensioner as above stated.

For the particulars of the Service of the said deceased reference may be had to the evidence contained in the papers on file, in which *S. Nathan* obtained his Pension Certificate, in the Department of War at Washington.

She further declares that she was married to the said *Nathan Rice* on the *fourth* day of *November* in the year seventeen hundred and *eighty four*; that her husband, the aforesaid *Nathan Rice* died on the *twenty ninth* day of *September* *eighteen hundred & thirty one*. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, viz.: at the time above stated.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me,

*Attest Edmund S. Kirkland*

*Ruth Rice*

*R. E. Norton*

*Judge of Probate*

\* Here insert the rank the husband held in the army, navy, or militia, as the case may be, and specify the service performed, as directed in rule numbered one of these regulations.



I Jesse Whitmore of Sunderland in the County of  
Franklin & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of lawful  
age, testify & say that I am the son of David  
Whitmore formerly of this town, that he was a justice of  
the Peace & kept a record of the marriages which  
he solemnized - That Record has been in my  
possession ever since the death of the said David  
and is now in my possession - and among other  
matters I find the following: in the Record writing  
of said David:

"Hampshire p. November 4. 1784. Then I joined  
Nahum Rice of Newell & Ruth Tuttle of Sunderland  
in marriage with each other  
Attest David Whitmore Just. Pac."

I find then testify that the town of Sunderland  
was in the County of Hampshire, at the period of the  
marriage aforesaid, but has since become a part of  
the County of Franklin

Jesse Whitmore

Hampshire p. Dec. 21. 1788.

Then personally appeared Jesse Whitmore  
Subscriber to the foregoing affidavit, & well known to me to be  
a credible witness, & made oath to the truth of the same

Before me

Edmund Dickinson Justice of Peace

I Lyman Rice of Sunderland in the County  
of Franklin & Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
of lawful age testify & say, that I am the son of  
Nathan Rice formerly of said Sunderland, <sup>deceased</sup> that  
he was a Pensioner of the United States, in death  
act of March 18. 1814. that he died on the  
twenty ninth day of September in the year eighteen  
hundred & thirty one - I attended his funeral.

I further testify that Ruth Rice, who is now  
applying for a pension under the Law of July 7.  
1838. is my mother, & is the widow of N. Nathan.

Lyman Rice

Witness my hand Sept. 26. 1838.

These personally appeared Lyman Rice, subscribed  
to the foregoing affidavit, & known to me to be a credible  
witness, & made oath to the truth of the same.

Before me Edmund Dickinson Justice Peace.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Hampshire ss.

I, Samuel Wells, Clerk of the Judicial Courts of the Commonwealth, for the County of Hampshire, do certify, that *Edmund Dickinson* Esquire, whose signature is affixed to the certificate on the paper hereto annexed, was, at the date thereof, one of the Justices of the Peace, within and for said County, duly commissioned, and acting under the authority of this Commonwealth; and that full faith and credit is and ought to be given to his acts and attestations done in that capacity; and that I am acquainted with the hand-writing of the said *Edmund Dickinson* and believe his signature to said certificate is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have herewith set my hand, and affixed the seal of the Court of Common Pleas for said Commonwealth, this twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

*S. Wells*

Clerk.



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State of *Massachusetts*  
County of *Franklin*

*um Rice* I, *Nahum Rice*, otherwise called *Nahum Rice or Nahum*

aged *Sixty three* years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and *Seventy Nine* I enlisted in the army of the revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of "during the war," and served in the company commanded by *Capt. John Hildy Smith* and in the regiment No. *Thirteen* under command of Colonel *(name not now recalled)* of the *Massachusetts* line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty three, when I was regularly discharged from the *Third* regiment, commanded by Colonel *James Mellen*.

*tion for my Pension and for my was included in the Pension Office at Washington* My discharge is now lost or misplaced, so that I cannot produce it to corroborate my statement. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the

Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever: therefore, Know all men by these presents that I, *Nahum Rice, or Nahum Rice or Nahum Rice* aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint *Samuel C. Allen* of the county of *Franklin* and state of *Massachusetts* to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, or of such other person as is duly authorized to issue and deliver the same; a warrant for the quantity of Land due to me as aforesaid, and to sign a receipt or acquittance therefor; and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

Attest, *William Delano* *Nahum Rice*

I, *Isiah Graves* aged *Sixty two*

years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, declare that I have been long acquainted with *Nahum Rice, or* who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence, and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be; and further, I ~~know~~ *very well* that he did perform the military service therein stated.

Attest, *William Delano* *Isiah Graves*

Before me, *Nathaniel Smith Esquire*

*Nahum Rice* personally appeared the above named subscriber to the foregoing declaration, and in my presence acknowledged the power of attorney thereto subjoined, to be his free act and deed; and, likewise, personally appeared *Isiah Graves* who hath subscribed the above certificate of identity, both to me well known to be men of respectability and truth, and made solemn oath to the truth of the depositions by them respectively subscribed, this *thirty third* day of *March* 18 *20*

*Nathaniel Smith* Justice of the Peace.

In testimony that the abovementioned was a magistrate authorized to administer oaths, and take acknowledgments, &c. in the state of *Massachusetts* at the above date, and that his name there subscribed appears to me to be his usual signature, I have hereunto affixed the county seal, and subscribed my name and quality, at this day of *March* 18 *20*

*I hereby certify that Nathaniel Smith Esq. is and is* C. Clerk, &c.

SERVICE

Continental  
Penn.

NUMBER

Rishel, George  
or Rishell

S. 40336

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*1st. Location sub Decr 23<sup>d</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> to  
 N. B. Perkins Apr. 4 Easton Penn<sup>a</sup>*

A. B. S. Lom.

Died Oct. 20-  
1827.

15: 854  
 Pennsylvania.

George Rishell,  
 of Northamp<sup>n</sup> Co in the state of Penn<sup>a</sup>  
 who was a private in the regiment commanded by  
 Colonel Hand, of the Pennsylv<sup>a</sup>  
 line, for the term of One year.

Inscribed on the roll of Pennsylvania,  
 at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence  
 the 18. of August, 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 24. of Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1819  
 and sent to John Cooper, judge,  
 Easton, Northamp: Co: Penn<sup>a</sup>.

Arrears to 4th of Sept. 1819. - \$: 100.68.  
 Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4. March, 48 "  
 12 mo.  $\frac{14}{31}$  } 1820. \$: 148.68.  
 &  $\frac{4}{30}$  ... }

{ Revolutionary claim,  
 Act 18th March, 1818. }



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Northampton County

John

On this eighteenth day of August 1818, before me the Subscriber an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the aforesaid County personally appears George Richel, aged about seventy three years resident in Chesnut Hill Township in the aforesaid County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war: That he enlisted in Whitehall Township in the County of Schuylkill in the aforesaid Commonwealth in about a year before the Battle of Long Island, in a company on the continental establishment commanded by Captain Abraham Miller, which he believes belonged to Colonel Hand's Regiment; the company was afterwards commanded by Captain Charles Craig — That he enlisted for one year, but remained in the service about eighteen months, when he was honorably discharged at Boston, but his discharge he lost. — That he was at the Battle of Long Island where he received a bayonet wound in his breast & That he is by reason of his advanced age & infirmities in need of assistance from his country for support being in reduced circumstances.

Sworn to & declared before  
me the day & year aforesaid.

John Richel

John Cooper

At the same time & place, came Fort Dreisbach Esquire, an inhabitant & reputable citizen of the aforesaid County, who being duly sworn doth depose & say that he well knows the above named applicant George Richel, who is a man of good character & in reduced circumstances, & that he believes the contents of his deposition to be true.

Sworn & subscribed at supra.

John Cooper

Fort Dreisbach

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }  
Northampton County, ss. }

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820, personally appeared, in open court, at a court of Common Pleas, holden at Easton, in and for the aforesaid county of Northampton, the said court being a court of record, *proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a record of its proceedings,*  
*George Rishell* aged about seventy five years, resident in *Chesnut Hill* township, in said county, a Pensioner of the United States, under the act of Congress of the 18th of March, 1818, (his certificate being numbered 15,854 — ) and then and there exhibited to the said court, the following Schedule, subscribed by him, and had and produced before the same, the following oath also taken and subscribed by him.

I, *George Rishell* do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

*For my self.*

Sworn and subscribed, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of }  
November 1820  
Before In open Court  
*McCooper a Judge C. C. Vt. & Mount Pa*

Schedule of property, referred to in the foregoing oath — , (necessary clothing and bedding excepted.)

I have 75 acres of land more or less. — I have 2 cows worth about six dollars each and some household furniture worth about eight dollars. I have some debt, due to me amounting to about thirty dollars, but these debts I am unable to collect, some being barred by the statute of limitations others are due from insolvent persons. I owe about fifty dollars. I have a wife living aged about seventy five years and six children living, 3 boys & 3 girls. One boy lives with me, he is afflicted with a wen that hangs over his eyes and disables him from earning his livelihood. All my children are poor & unable to contribute to my support. I myself am unable from age & infirmity to earn my livelihood.

*For my self*

Northampton County ss.

Josh Dreisbach Esquire being duly sworn deposes and says that he is acquainted with the tract of seventy five acres of land mentioned in the schedule annexed that the land is barren situated on the borders of the County, affording to the proprietor a home & nothing more than a home and that the value of the said tract is not more than one hundred & fifty dollars and that the household furniture mentioned in the same schedule is certainly not worth more than eight dollars, if that.

Sworn & Subsd in open Court  
November 29. 1820.

Josh Dreisbach.

Jno Cooper a Judge C.C.P. & W.C.P. Pa.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, }  
Northampton County, ss. }

I Henry Spring — Esquire,  
Prothonotary of the court of Common Pleas of the county  
aforesaid, do hereby certify, that the foregoing *oath*  
— and the schedule thereto annexed, are truly  
copied from the record of the said court; and I do further  
certify, that it is the opinion of the said court that the total  
amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid  
schedule, is *one hundred twenty dollars*  
cents.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said  
court, this *first* — day of *December* — 1820.

*H Spring*  
for  
*H Spring* Proty -



December 21, 1937.

Rev. B. M. Bask  
189 East Front Street  
Berwick, Pennsylvania.

BA-S/ILL  
George Rishel  
S. 40836

Dear Sir:

The data given herein are shown in the papers on file in pension claim, S. 40836, based upon service of George Rishel in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of George Rishel are not shown.

He enlisted in White Hall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, "about a year before the battle of Long Island", served as a private in Captain Abraham Miller's Pennsylvania company, and in Captain Charles Craig's company, Colonel Hand's Pennsylvania regiment, was in the battle of Long Island, in which he received a bayonet wound in his breast, and was discharged at Boston, length of service eighteen months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 18, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Chestnut Hill Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The soldier was aged then about seventy-three years. He signed his name in German script. His name was borne on the pension roll as George Rishell.

In November 1820, George Rishel stated that his wife was aged about seventy-five years, also, that he had six children living, three boys and three girls, one boy living at home. He did not state the name of his wife, date of their marriage, nor give the names of any of his children. The soldier died October 20, 1827.

In order to obtain the name of the person to whom the last payment of pension was made, you should apply to the Comptroller General,

General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and furnish  
the following:

George Hishell,  
Certificate #15034  
Issued [redacted] 1818  
Rate \$5 per month  
Commenced August 18, 1818  
Act of March 18, 1818  
Pennsylvania Agency.

Very truly yours,

A. D. MILLER,  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator.

*His name is not on Invalids of Northampton Co. Pa.  
Nor on Buried List - Phila. Sec. of War - 1835.*

SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass  
Vt

Rising, Abraham

S. 30062

B.L.H. 26357-160-55

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27280  
Massachusetts  
Abraham Rising  
Southwick in the State of Mass  
who was a private in the Comp<sup>y</sup> comm<sup>d</sup>  
by Captain Long - of the Brig<sup>ad</sup> command<sup>ed</sup>  
by Colo Allen in the Mass  
line for 11 months 14 days

76  
Hampton

Inscribed on the Roll of Mass  
at the rate of 38 - Dollars 23 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 24 day of Mar<sup>ch</sup>  
1834 sent to Samuel  
Tattnall Esq West Springfield Mass  
Appears to the 1st of March 1834. \$114.64  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> " 19-11  
\$133.80

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

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115058 ~~Admiral's~~  
May 55

Abraham Rising  
Priv.

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E. H. T.  
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Rev. Mr. Van

Rev. J. Persinger

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B. H. H.

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Leonard H. Serves

Westfield, Mass.

State of Massachusetts }  
County of Hampshire } \$8

On this thirty first day of March  
in the year eighteen hundred  
fifty five personally appeared  
before me a justice of the Peace  
within & for the County & State  
aforesaid Abraham Rising a-  
ged nearly six years a resident  
of Southwick in the State of Massa-  
chusetts who being duly sworn  
according to law declares that  
he is the identical Abraham Ri-  
sing to whose name has been paid  
upon the Pension Roll No. 27299  
at the rate of thirty eight dollars  
& twenty three cents per annum  
the Certificate of which is recorded  
in the Pension office in Book  
E. Vol. 2. Page 73. that he was at  
one time a private in the Corn-  
pany Commanded by Capt. Mor-  
gan & Lieut. Asa Miller in the  
Regiment Commanded by Col.  
Van Rensselaer in the Revolution-  
ary war - That he volunteered  
at



at said Southwick on or about  
the year 1778. but from loss of  
memory he cannot be more  
specific

& continued in actual service in  
said war more than fourteen  
days & was honorably discharged  
at Albany in the State of New  
York but from loss of memory  
he cannot state the time -

For the proof of his service in this  
& other services he refers to the  
proofs & records on file & referred  
to in his application for a Pension

He makes this declaration for the  
purpose of obtaining the bounty  
land to which he may be en-  
titled under the Act approved  
March 3. 1855. He also declares  
that he has not received a warrant  
for bounty land under this or any  
other act of Congress nor made a  
other application therefor -

Southwick

Commonwealth of Massachusetts } ss.  
County of Hampshire

On this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord 1833  
personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Probate  
for said County now sitting, Abraham Dixie of said County, & now resident there, aged seventy five years in January next, who  
being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following  
declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following  
named Officers & served as herein stated.

That in the year 1777, when the alarm was given of the advance of Genl.  
Burgoyne on our Northern frontier, he turned out as a volunteer under  
Capt John ~~Putnam~~ Putnam of Springfield in said County, & Lieutenant Asa  
Miller of West Springfield, to go & meet the invading army - The company  
to which he belonged met at Westfield in said County & after remaining  
there two days, in order that the soldiers from the adjoining towns might  
be collected, they were marched to Bennington, & arrived there the next  
day after the defeat of the British army at <sup>or near</sup> that place. At this place  
our company joined their regiment. He is not confident who was the  
Colonel of the Regiment, but believes it was Col. Moseley of Westfield - That  
the next day after their arrival at Bennington, the Regiment was marched  
to Stillwater, ~~where~~ but did not arrive there till nearly or quite midnight.  
Leaving crossed the river on a floating bridge - That he remained at Stillwater  
until after the battle with the army under Genl. Burgoyne - That  
he was in the battle of that day from eight o'clock in the morning, until  
evening - That ~~after the battle~~ the Regiment to which he belonged was  
not in the battle, but there was an order for sixteen men & two  
sergeants made up in our Regiment for the purpose of manning two  
field pieces, & that he turned out as one of the sixteen, & was thus  
engaged in the battle, without the officers of his company being  
engaged with him - That after the battle, he was marched to ~~Bennington~~  
Toga, & was present at the surrender of Burgoyne & his army - That  
after the surrender of Burgoyne, he was ordered to Albany with the rest of  
the company to which he belonged, but as he was then so sick with what  
was called the camp distemper, as to be unable to travel, he was ordered down  
in a battery - That he remained at Albany something like two  
weeks, when they were ordered further down the river - That they  
made several short stops on their way down the river. That he  
cannot now recollect at what place they finally halted, nor where

he was dismissed, but he recollects having returned through Litchfield County in Connecticut. The said Rising says that he cannot declare at what precise time he entered into the Service for this tour of duty, but he has no doubt that it must have been as early as some time in September, nor can he name the time when he was discharged, but he recollects well, that there had been snow & hail, & that there was snow on the ground when he returned - and that he has always called this a three months tour, & has no doubt that he served that length of time - so that he cannot now recollect the names of the officers of his regiment any further than he has stated - but Samuel Weeks & one Peters, both of Granville in this County, were Sergeants of the company to which he belonged.

The said Abraham Rising declares that he was born at Suffield in Connecticut on the first of January 1759 - that there is a record of his birth on the records of said town, & that he formerly took it from those records & put it into his Bible - that when he was about fourteen years of age, his father removed to Southwick to the farm on which he the said Abraham now lives - that on the next day after he was <sup>twenty</sup> one year of age, he went to Rupert in Vermont, & lived there <sup>about</sup> two years, when he returned to Southwick - that after about two years more, he married & lived in Suffield five or six years, when he again returned to Southwick where <sup>he</sup> has lived ever since - that he lived in the town of Southwick, when he entered the service above mentioned, but those services hereafter mentioned, were all performed while he called himself an inhabitant of Rupert - that all his services were by voluntary enlistment, & never by draft or as a substitute.

128 That ~~on~~ <sup>after</sup> he arrived at Rupert in July 1780 there was a call for the militia of that town to go to Tiandroga, under an alarm that the British had come there - that he volunteered & turned out under Capt. Tahan Noble, then of that town, & marched to Tiandroga - that no enemy was there, & the troops very soon returned - that he was out under this alarm only two weeks.

That in March 1780, he enlisted for the term of five months under Capt. Lang of what was then called White Creek, but now Salem, a town in the State of New York adjoining Rupert. Mr. Lang was Lieutenant of the company, Hurd was one the Sergeants & Earl another. Whetstone was a Corporal - that the company was stationed as a guard at Granville near Sheenboro's Landing in the State of New York - that he served



3700) but the full period of five months for which he enlisted, & at the end of that term he was dismissed - that he never had a written discharge from any of the services in which he had been engaged - that there was nothing of special importance took place during this period of service - there were no troops there, except the company commanded by Capt. Ledy, & no service to perform except that of standing sentry -

The said Abraham Rising further declares that in the latter part of September 1800 he again enlisted under Capt. Tatham Noble of Rensselaer for the term of three months - James Easton was Lieutenant of the Company, and one Easton ~~was~~ Sergeant & Seth Harmon were Sergeants - The company was stationed at Burlington in Vermont to guard the public stores at that place - There were only two companies stationed at Burlington, at that time, & Col. Ethan Allen had the chief command - The said Rising further declares that he knows of no person living, who was with him, in either of the terms of duty, while he lived in Vermont - that he has made diligent enquiry & sought for witnesses, but can find none that as he was a young man, & lived there only two years, ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~intelligently~~ <sup>intelligently</sup> ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~scarcely~~ <sup>scarcely</sup> ~~recall~~ <sup>recall</sup> him, even if they were living -

The said Abraham Rising further declares that said Fowler, Esq. Ezra Foote Esq. John Mills Esq. Elder Jeremiah T. Bridges, & many others in the town of Southwick can testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his service as a Soldier of the Revolution -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State -

Sworn to & subscribed the day Abraham Rising  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid -

We Jeremiah T. Bridges, a clergyman residing in the Town of Southwick & said Fowler Esq. residing in said Southwick, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Abraham Rising who has signed the foregoing declaration - that we believe him to be about seventy five years of age - that he is reputed & believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, & that we concur in that opinion -

Jeremiah T. Bridges  
Saml. Fowler

Windsor 56. Dec. 1833. Then the above named Jeremiah T. Bridges & said Fowler, personally appeared & made oath to the truth of the foregoing certificate by them severally subscribed, before me

John Mills Justice of the Peace

State of Massachusetts }  
County of Hampden }

On this twenty fourth day of May  
A. D. one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty six personally appeared before me  
a Justice of the peace within and for  
the County and State aforesaid  
Abraham Rising aged thirty seven  
years a resident of Southwick in  
the County of Hampden and State  
of Massachusetts who being duly  
sworn according to law declared  
that he is the identical Abraham  
Rising who was a private in  
the Company commanded by Captain

Tobias Noble James Easton Lieutenant

in the war of the Revolution that he  
served at different times that he  
served under Col. Allen & Col.  
Vern Russell & that he served  
more than fourteen days but  
knows not of the exact time  
cannot state his service more  
particularly

He makes this declaration for  
the purpose of obtaining the bounty  
law to which he may be entitled under

the act of Congress March 3. 1855. He also  
declares that he has not received a  
warrant for bounty land under this  
or any other act of Congress - nor made  
any other application therefor, excepting  
the application No 115,038 - suspended  
for the want of record evidence

He also further declares that a pension  
has been granted him for services  
in the war of the Revolution that  
he is now in the receipt of said  
pension - that his pension certificate  
bears date the twenty fourth day of March  
A.D. 1834 No 27290

that he refers for the purpose of sub-  
stantiating his claim, to the evidence  
on file in your office, by which he  
received his said pension, to establish  
his name in said War of the Revolution  
& that he is the identical Abraham  
Rising who is named in said  
pension certificate.

Abraham Rising



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*Conn.*

*Rising Ben*

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Beri Rising ———

of Service in the State of Ohio ———  
who was a ~~sergeant~~ <sup>Sergeant</sup> in the Company commanded  
by Captain ~~Carr~~ <sup>Carr</sup> of the reg<sup>t</sup> commanded  
by Col. Motts in the ~~1st~~ <sup>1st</sup> Troops,  
line fr ———

★ Conn. Line, Dec. 12/34  
Records corrected

Inscribed on the Roll of Ohio P. A  
at the rate of 91 Dollars 66 Cents  
per annum, to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 1831

Certificate of Pension issued the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1834: and sent to

J. Page,  
Huntingdon,  
Chio.

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Act June 7, 1832. }

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Hon. A. H. Johnson.

May 14 1857

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 ... of the ...  
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 ... 56.66 = \$ 91

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 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17th day of Apr  
 and sent to -  
 J. Sage, Huntington, Ind.  
 Amount to the 1st of Oct 31, 275.00  
 ... allowances ending Apr 15.83  
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The State of Ohio { Before me the undersigned a Probate Judge  
Lorain County { within and for said County personally  
appeared Lorain W. Rising and Clarissa A. Smith who  
being duly sworn according to law on their said  
oaths stated that Benjamin Rising died at Huntingdon  
Lorain County Ohio on the 19th day of March A.D. 1846  
and that affiant Lorain W. Rising is his administrator  
de bonis non - and that said Benjamin Rising was  
a Revolutionary Pensioner - and that Oliver Rising  
of said Huntingdon is the only surviving child  
of said Benjamin Rising. We know that all the children  
of said Benjamin are dead except said Oliver and  
one other a daughter whose name was Polly Rising  
and lived in Westfield Massachusetts in the year  
A.D. 1818 and at that time she was between fifty &  
sixty years of age and was deformed and was  
very much out of health and was an unmarried  
lady - Since the said year 1818 she has not been heard  
of by any of her friends in said Huntingdon although  
they have repeatedly written to said Massachusetts  
to get information from her - The said affiant  
Lorain W. Rising is of the age of thirty two years and  
the said Clarissa A. Smith is of the age of forty six  
years -

Lorain W. Rising,  
Clarissa A. Smith

Sworn to before me & subscribed <sup>in my presence</sup> before me by said Lorain W.  
Rising & Clarissa A. Smith - and I certify that said affiants  
are credible persons and are residents of Huntingdon Lorain  
County Ohio - and that they are well known  
to me. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of the Probate Court of said County this 24th day of  
April A.D. 1857

L. A. Sheldon  
Probate Judge  
Lorain Co Ohio

The State of Ohio  
Medina County ss.

Ben Rising - Revolutionary claim -

Be it remembered, that at a Term of the Court  
of Common Pleas of said County / said Court being  
legally constituted a Court of Record according to the  
Laws of said State / which said Term was begun and  
held at the Court house in the town of Medina, within  
and for said County of Medina, and State of Ohio on  
Monday the Eighteenth day of September in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty six, by and before Frederick Brown  
Senior Associate Judge presiding, and also Mr.  
Barnes and John P. Case Associate Judges of  
said County, holding said Court, came the said  
Ben Rising in his own proper person, and  
submitted to said Court a certain Declaration in their  
words and figures following, that is to say -

County of Medina ss State of Ohio On this twenty first day  
of September 1836 personally appeared in open Court,  
being a Court of Record by Constitution and Laws of  
the State of Ohio and also having the power of fine and  
imprisonment for the County of Medina Ben Rising  
resident in said County of Medina aged twenty eight  
years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth  
on his oath make the following Declaration in order to  
obtain the Pensions made by the acts of Congress of the  
15th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that  
he the said Ben Rising the next year after the battle  
of Bunker-hill or soon afterward enlisted under Capt  
John Barreman for that time as near as he can recollect  
of nine months or more and joined the Regiment com-  
manded by Col. Holt in the State of Connecticut on the  
Continental Establishment that I continued to serve in the  
said Corps until I was transferred into Col Wills Regiment  
as I now think but am not certain I went to Fish kill  
thence up the Hudson River with Gen Putnam & continued  
in the service of the United States until some time after -



Wingene surrendered in which service was awarded in  
the rank of 1st Lieut. I was honorably discharged  
which discharge was burnt in my house about seven  
years since together with all my effects except the clothes  
I had upon me, and that I had by relinquishing every claim  
to a pension except the present & that my name is not  
on the roll of any State except Connecticut and that  
the following are the reasons for not making earlier application  
for a pension. I was determined to support myself by  
honest industry, temperance and economical living so  
long as my bodily strength remained so I could work and  
raise wherewith to support mine, & that I always have  
until my house was burnt & since have had to depend on  
the charity of individuals in some measure for clothing and  
subsistence and now find it utterly impossible for me to  
obtain wherewith to keep my tottering frame from suffering  
with hunger & the chilling frost without the aid of Government  
private or public charity, & I have no children that are able  
to assist me -

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820  
I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United  
States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since  
that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property  
or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as  
to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress  
intituled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the  
land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary  
war passed on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have  
not nor has any person in trust for me any property or  
securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income  
other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed  
and by me subscribed - My occupation a Farmer. My  
age and infirmity prevent me from pursuing it -  
My family consists of myself of Chauncey Parker a grandson  
of mine aged 14 years & without property parents or relations  
to help collect or support him or me - Reasons for not being  
presented as to date to an old age & having lost my  
discharge and all other documents.

(Signed) John Rising  
Done at and before me on the 24th day of Sept. A.D. 1826 -  
Timothy Hudson Clerk -

and the said Ben Rising then and there to wit  
on the same evening first day of September, at  
aforesaid, at the Court house in Medina aforesaid,  
filed in said Court an inventory of property by  
him possessed, which said inventory is in these  
words and figures following, that is to say,

Inventory -

One Cow	\$10.00
One Calf	3.00
Five Small Swine	5.00
One Lighted Yellow Kettle	2.50
One Iron Jug	1.00
One - Small Iron Pot	0.50
One Wrought Kettle (Crack?)	1.00
One Iron Skillet	1.00
One Iron Tea Kettle (Crack?)	0.50
One Small iron Skillet	0.30
One old axe	1.50
One screw auger	1.00
One old chisel	0.50
One old adze	1.50
One iron Trough	1.25
One old iron shovel & tongs	0.75
Three old Chains	1.00
One old meat Barrel	1.00
One old Wine Barrel	0.50
One Half Barrel & two small tubs	0.75
One small chest	1.00
One Wooden Barrel - old	.50
One old Rifle	10.00
One old Charming Machine	1.00
One old Keweenaw Fork	1.37
One Tin Trough with Cup & Spoon	0.50
One old Shovel & two wooden shovels	1.00

\$45.92

Given in presence of Ben Rising  
Done & Subscribed before me this 21st day of  
September 24 1826 J. Anderson Clerk.



State of Ohio county of Lorain & on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1832 at Huntington personally appeared before me Daniel  
Tillitson one of the Justices of the peace in and for the county  
of Lorain & State of Ohio Ben Rising a resident of said  
Huntington aged 84 years (or thereabouts) who being first  
duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the  
following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the  
Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the  
service of the United States under the following named  
Officers and served as therein stated (viz.) soon after the  
Battle at Lexington I volunteered my services under Capt.  
Oliver Hanchet, Lieutenant - King and Ensign Nobles  
as a Militia Man at Suffield in the county of Hartford &  
State of Connecticut and marched to Roxbury in Massachusetts  
and there joined the main Army commanded by Genl Thomas  
Hart & Putnam some time previous to the Battle of Bunker Hill.  
I remained in the service of United States untill sometime  
after the battle at Bunker Hill and the burning of Charlestown  
but I cannot recollect the precise time I was dismissed, afterwards  
in the month of April or May of the next year as near as I  
can recollect I enlisted under Capt John Harman, Lieutenant  
Benjamin Harman & - Abby, and Ensign M<sup>r</sup> Clure and went  
Immediately into service and served in Col. Motts Regiment &  
was stationed at <sup>Shamsterough and</sup> Mount Independence in Vermont eight  
months and remained some time longer than my enlistment  
and the next year I turned out as a volunteer under Capt.  
Isaac Pomeroy Lieut. Eben Sheldon & Ensign Oliver Granger  
and Col. - Willis of Hartford Connecticut was my Colonel  
and Putnam was my General and marched to Fishkills and  
there was stationed some time untill called up the river to  
Redhook & Rhinebeck and was stationed there for some time  
in which time by the direction of Capt Pomeroy I with several  
others undertook to rescue from the British a drove of fat hogs and  
succeeded in the enterprise, in which undertaking I had my ankle  
broke & it has not been sound since, and when the British shipping  
fell down the river I was marched back to Fishkills and soon after  
was discharged - Afterwards I again volunteered under Capt Isaac



Tomeroy and were called upon to go to New Haven in Connecticut but cannot recollect how long I then remained in the service and was afterwards called again to go to Danbury in Connecticut under the same Officers at the time it was burnt

I cannot recollect the exact dates of any of my Indistincts nor the dates of any of my discharges as all my papers were burnt with my house soon after I came to reside in the State of Ohio but I am confident I have served in the United States service during the revolutionary struggle more than three years in the different times of my Indistincts and that I have never realized for the whole of my services in the revolutionary war over twenty dollars in good money owing to the depreciation of Continental money, and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State -

I was born in the town of Suffield county of Hartford and State of Connecticut the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1748 and my birth was recorded in the township records of said town - I was living in Suffield aforesaid at each & every time I was called into service -

Since the close of the revolutionary war I have resided in the town of Southwick county of Hampshire in the State of Massachusetts untill 1818 I removed to the place where I now reside

Reference may be had to W<sup>m</sup> Asmer Post Master Guilford in the county of Medina & State of Ohio who has been acquainted with me for more than 50 years and his wife was knowing to some of my services in the revolutionary war (as I verily believe) for we both lived in the same family at the time of my Indistincts, I know of no other person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service and she is some distance from me which makes it inconvenient to get her testimony - Reference may also be had to

John Gould Post Master of Sullivan Lorain county & Joseph Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> same town - Sworn to and subscribed at Huntington

aforesaid this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen

hundred and thirty two

Ben Rising

Personally appeared before me Daniel Tillotson a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Lorain in the State of Ohio Ben Rising who being duly sworn deposed and said that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and in the following grades - For three years I served as a volunteer as a private soldier & non commissioned officer between the months of March seventeen hundred and seventy five and November seventeen hundred and eighty and that I did not at any time serve as a substitute for any one but myself and my country and for such service I claim a pension

Sworn to and subscribed at Huntington in the county of Lorain and State of Ohio this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 before me

Daniel Tillotson Just Peace

*Enr.*  
*S. 9086*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., *Dec 1*, 1922

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, for the history of *Ben Rising*, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, the following is taken from the *Soldier's* claim for pension.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>1775</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>Pvt.</i>	<i>Olinos French</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>Conn.</i>
<i>May 1776</i>	<i>8 mos.</i>		<i>Jos. H. H. H.</i>	<i>Mott</i>	
<i>1777</i>	<i>1 yr 6 mo.</i>	<i>Capt.</i>	<i>James Pomeroy</i>	<i>Wells</i>	
<i>Service 3 to 5 years</i>					
	<i>He sustained a broken arm &amp; a leg while on an expedition to</i>				
	<i>at Penobscot Bay</i>				

Battles engaged in, *at the Battle of Bunker Hill*  
Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Suffield, Hartford Co. Conn.*  
Date of application for pension, *Sept 21, 1826*  
Residence at date of application, *Medina Co., Ohio*  
Age at date of application, *6, Sept 22, 1748 in Suffield, Conn.*

Remarks: *Sold d. Mar. 17, 1846 in Huntington, Loran Co. Ohio survived by 2 ch. Olinos of Huntington, Ohio & Polly Rising as bet. 5 to 6 in 1818- of Westfield, Mass. Other ch. are referred to, names not stated, nor name of wife who predeceased him. An orphan gr. son Chauncey Parker was 14 years in 1826 & lived in Medina Co. Ohio*

Respectfully,

Commissioner.



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Continental (Conn) Rising, Josiah  
Huldah

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## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of July 7, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows; & also of the acts of 3 March 1843, & 17 June 1844, or of either of them under which she may be entitled  
State of New York }  
Onida County } ss

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1844, personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for said county, Huldah Rising late a resident of Watertown County of Jefferson, but now of Lee, Onida County, - aged 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, & the acts of 3 March 1843 & 17 June 1844, <sup>or of either of said acts upon which she may be entitled,</sup> that she is the widow of Jacob

Rising late of Watertown, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution in the Continental Army of troops, belonged to the cavalry - ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> Col. Sheldon, exhibited at Suffolk for three years, served at the close of the war & was honorably discharged, before the expiration of his term of service. The exact date of his enlistment, term of service, & discharge she cannot state, but refers to the proof on

file at the Department, Washington, & on which  
a pension was granted to him, <sup>No. 33-11 July 1832.</sup> She has no  
documentary proof of his said service, nor  
does she now know that any witness is living  
that knew him in the service. — She therefore  
claims the benefit of the record testimony at  
the Pension office. — said Josiah was a private  
in U.S. & \$100. — per an<sup>m</sup>. She further declares  
that she was married to Josiah Rising of  
said, at Cambridge on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1789 by Elder Wait, & that her first child  
John Rising, was born September 1<sup>st</sup> 1790 &  
Polly Rising in September 14<sup>th</sup> 1792.

That her said husband Josiah  
died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1844 at Waterville  
— that she was not married to him previous  
to his leaving the service, but the marriage took  
place prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1794. Several  
husbands & nearly four, viz at the time above  
stated, that she has no record testimony of  
her marriage, and that the original family record was destroy-  
ed more than 30 years ago. — & she is still a widow.  
Sworn to & subscribed in open court,  
on the day & year above written,  
the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1844, <sup>before me</sup> ~~Delos Derry~~ <sup>Widow Rising</sup>

also, at same time & place, before the Judge  
aforesaid, came Luther Miller, who being  
duly sworn said that he has been well acquainted



(Copy)

State of New York Oneida County

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1823 personally appeared in open court / being a Court of Record for said County viz Oneida Com Pleas Josiah Rising Resident in said County aged 71<sup>st</sup> Years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 and 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1823 that he the said Josiah Rising enlisted for the term of three Years on or near the first day of February in the Year 1781 in the State of Connecticut in the Company Commanded by Capt<sup>l</sup> William Staunton in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Elisha Sheldon in the line of the State of Connecticut on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the Corps until June AD 1783 was then furloughed for six months and was honorably discharged in October AD 1783 at West point in the State of New York And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the Eighteenth day of March 1818 and I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

Subscribed and declared on the

21 day of May before me

AD 1823 J. Hathaway

Josiah Rising

Schedule Containing the whole estate and income of Josiah Rising

2 Cows	\$26.
12 Sheep	12.
1 Three Years old Steer	10.
1 Two Do Do Do	5.
1 Yearling Steer	2.
3 Plain Kitchen Tables	3.
6 Chairs	1.50
3 Chests	1.50
4 Iron Kettles	3.00
1 Tea Kettle	2.37
1 Looking Glass	0.75



4 knives & forks 6 cups & saucers	0.75
1 Tea Pot	0.50
4 Plates Shovel & tongs	0.75
1 ax - 1 shovel	1.25
1 Porridge Pot	37
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That the said Josiah Rising is by occupation a farmer but infirm and unable to work that the number and names of his family residing with him and their ages and their capacities to contribute to his support is as follows His Wife Hannah aged 58 years infirm able to labor some.

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property Viz - 1 Cow dead 1 Horse dead 1 Ox dead 3 Hogs fattened & eaten 2 Young cattle dead 2 Calves dead - said creatures died of diseases or sickness and died.

That since the exhibition of my first schedule, my son Major and my Daughters Cina and Rebecca have married & left me and my son Jesse has left me - For this reason I gave my son John Rising a Quit Claim Deed of my half part of one hundred and eleven acres of land lying partly in Whitestown & partly in Westmoreland (being all the land I owned) for the consideration of his paying my sons Major and Jesse and my Daughters Cina & Rebecca One hundred Dollars each.

I now to and declare on  
the 21 day of May 1823  
before J. Mathaway

Josiah Rising

Clerks Office  
County of } ss

I, Eliasaph Dorchester Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cass do Certify that the foregoing proceedings were had in open Court: that the said schedule and oath have been admitted to the records of said Court and that the same are truly copied therefrom and I do further Certify that in the opinion of said Court the total amount of property exhibited in said schedule is \$68.74 and no more. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this 24 day of May 1823

Eliasaph Dorchester Clerk  
By Thomas M. Francis Clerk

**SCHEDULE,** containing the whole estate and income of

*Asiah Rising*

11. The undivided half part of one hundred and eleven acres  
of land lying partly in Westmoreland and partly in Whitestown.  
My half of the land worth about four hundred and forty  
four dollars being the sum I gave for it.  
12.50 The one half of five young cows. The half of 25 sheep  
15. The half of a pair of work horses. The half of a yoke of cattle.  
16. The half of three hogs  
7. The half of three young cattle. The half of three yearlings  
1. The half of 4 calves  
25. Half of the household furniture & farming utensils my wife worth \$25  
370.50

*Income none*

62.1100. I am in debt one thousand one hundred dollars -  
and thirty five dollars besides.

*Asiah Rising*

Sworn to and declared, on the

8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1820,

before

*W. S. Miller* Just Judge of Oneida.

State of New-York. Oneida Common Pleas. } A Court of Record by  
Of the Term of Sept. 1820. } Statute.

The whole of these proceedings were had in open Court ; and  
in the opinion of this Court the total amount in value of the proper-  
ty exhibited in the above Schedule is *five hundred and seventy*  
dollars, *fifty* and no more.

**I, FRANCIS A. BLOODGOOD,** Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for  
the county of Oneida, do hereby certify, that the foregoing Oath and the  
Schedule thereunto annexed, are truly copied from the record of the said  
Court : And I further certify, that it is the opinion of the said Court, that  
the total amount, in value, of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Sche-  
dule is *five hundred seventy* dollars and *fifty* cents.  
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of the said Court, on this eighth day of September, 1820.

*Francis A. Bloodgood*

STATE OF NEW-YORK. Oneida Common Pleas, ss.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1820, personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, being a Court of Record, Josiah Rising aged 57 years, resident in Whitesboro' in said county, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: enlisted in 1781

in Stanton's Company Childers Regt Connecticut line and served therein till the close of the War when he was honorably discharged.

That he has received a Pension, and the number of his pension certificate is 2573 That he is by occupation a Farmer but infirm and unable to work

That the number and names of his family residing with him: their ages and capacity to contribute to their support is as follows, viz.

His wife Huldah aged 55 years in good health

His son Maria - 22. In good health

His daughter Jesse - 21. In good health

His daughter Selma - 24. In good health

His daughter Maria - 16. In good health

AND I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Sworn to and declared, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1820.

Josiah Rising

Before Me, William first Judge of Oneida



State of New York

Okeida County on this 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1832

before me personally appeared Jonah Riding  
aged 67 years resident of Westmoreland in Said  
County who being first duly sworn in order  
to obtain the provisions of an act of Congress  
passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, does declare and say,  
that he "enlisted for the term of three years"  
near the first day of February in the year  
1781 in the State of Connecticut in the Company  
commanded by Capt William Stanton, in  
the Regiment commanded by Col. Eliska  
Sheldon in the line of the State of Connecticut -  
and that he continued to serve in said corps,  
until October 1783 when he was discharged  
from service at West Point in the State of  
New York "That he is the same person  
named in the annexed Certificate from  
the pension office, by which his service  
is admitted, and his original papers  
are on file. That he relinquishes all  
claim to a pension except the present -  
That his name has never been placed  
on the pension roll of any State or Territory  
and that he is not entitled to any benefit  
under the act passed 15 May 1828 for the  
relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers  
of the Revolution.

Jonah Riding

*Albany*  
~~Albany~~ *Albany*  
~~Albany~~ *Albany*

*Mildah Rising*  
 widow of *Josiah Rising*

who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *private & Corp*

*# 484. N. Y. Albany Ag. no.*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
*100* Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
*24* day of *June 1848*  
 and sent to

*Adriel Ely*  
*Watertown*  
*N.Y.*

*Feb. 2, 1848*  
 Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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*Reputed*

*Michigan for*  
*Sept 1849, Dec 15/49*

*To Albany N.Y. from*  
*4 Sept. 1850, date to R.E.*  
*Oct. 27. 1850.*

*Date of*  
*death*  
*rest on as*

Liby to J. Heatham y  
Nov 13. 1744

33.  
Albany

Josiah Rising

of Oneida Co in the State of New York  
who was a private in the company commanded  
by Captain Stanton of the Regiment commanded  
by Colonel Sheldon in the Connecticut  
line, for the term of three years  
from February 1781 to the year 1783

Inscribed on the Roll of Albany for annum  
at the rate of Dollars per month, to  
commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11<sup>th</sup> of July  
1832. and sent to  
P. B. Johnson Esq. Rome N.Y.

Arrears to 4th of March 1832	100: 00
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1832	50: 00
	<u>\$ 150: 00</u>

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Acts March 18, 1848,  
and May 1, 1860. }

7. June 1832.

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Josiah & Huldah Rising Married  
September 19<sup>th</sup> 1788

Josiah Rising born April 20<sup>th</sup> 1765

Huldah Rising born September 23 1766

John Rising Son of Josiah & Huldah Rising was born  
Sept first day 1790

Polly Rising daughter of Josiah & H. R. was born  
September 14<sup>th</sup> 1792

Annet. departed this life May 3 1811 and in  
the 19<sup>th</sup> year of her age

Go home, comforter's wife of your tears  
heneymust die till Christ appears

Diana J. Rising was born Nov<sup>r</sup> first day  
1795

Major Rising was born March 5<sup>th</sup> 1798

Rebe Rising was born May 15<sup>th</sup> 1800

Rebeckah Rising was born April 20<sup>th</sup> 1805

Record of 1810

February 19, 1940.

Mr. Walter V. Rising  
142 Westland Avenue  
Rochester, New York.

BA-J/ILL  
Josiah Rising  
W. 18818

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Josiah Rising, who was born in 1748 in Suffield, Connecticut.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and only one claim for pension found based upon service of a Josiah Rising. The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in that claim, W. 18818.

Josiah Rising was born April 20, 1765; the place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

He enlisted February 1, 1781, in Suffield, Connecticut, served as private and corporal in Captain William Stanton's company, Colonel Nisha Sheldon's Regiment of Continental Dragoons and was discharged October 1783, at West Point, New York.

Just after his service in the Revolutionary War, the soldier resided in Cambridge, Washington County, New York. He moved from there about the year 1790 to Oneida County, New York.

Josiah Rising was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed April 2, 1818, at which time he resided in Oneida County, New York; in 1820, he resided in Whitesboro in that county. In 1832, he resided in Westmoreland in that county. He died April 3, 1844, in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, in which place he had moved several years previously.

This soldier married November 19, 1789 (shown also 1788), Huldah Miller; they were married at the home of Joseph L. Miller in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, where she resided also. She

was born November 23, 1766, the place not given, nor the name of her mother or father designated; no relationship between her and said Joseph L. Miller was stated.

Huldah Rising, this soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed September 9, 1844, at which time she resided in Watertown, New York; she was living there in 1848. In November 1849, she lived in Reading, Hillsdale County, Michigan, with her son, Jesse M. Rising. In October 1853, she resided in Watertown, New York, with her daughter, whose name was not designated.

The names and births of the children of Josiah Rising and his wife, Huldah, are shown as follows:

John	Rising	born	September	1, 1790.
Polly	"	"	September	14, 1792, died May 3, 1811.
Diana J.	"	"	November	1, 1795.
Major	"	"	March	5, 1798.
Jesse M.	"	"	May	15, 1800.
Rebeckah	"	"	April	20, 1805.

In 1823, the son, John Rising, cited above, lived in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York. Diana, Major, and Rebeckah were all married then, but the names of their husbands of these two daughters were not given.

In 1844, Luther Miller resided in Lee, Oneida County, New York. He was present at the marriage of Josiah Rising and Huldah Miller, but did not state any relationship to said Huldah.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name of person paid and, possibly, the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, this city, and furnish the following data:

Huldah Rising, widow of Josiah Rising,  
Certificate #484  
Issued June 24, 1848  
Rate \$100 per annum  
Commenced February 2, 1848  
Act of February 2, 1848,  
New York Agency.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator.



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Risley, Allen

S. 21449

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28681  
New York Utica Agent

Ben Risky

of Oneida Co. in the State of New York  
who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Duffell of the Regt commanded  
by Col. Wells in the Connecticut  
line for 9 months.

Enscribed on the Roll of Utica - N. York  
at the rate of 90 Dollars — Conts per annum,  
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1834 and sent to  
Saml Bakin New Hartford

is to the 1st of March 1834 \$ 90.00  
and allowance ending Sept 4/34 15.00

\$ 105.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

ded by Saml Page Clerk,  
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## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the  
7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. —

State of New York }  
Oswego County } ss.

On this twentieth day of July - in the  
year 1833. personally appeared in open court before Nathan Williams  
vice Chancellor of the Fifth Circuit of the state of New York in the court of Chancery  
now sitting Allen Risley a resident of New Hartford in the county  
of Oswego & state of New York, aged seventy years & five months who being  
first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration  
in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress  
passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. —

That he enlisted in the army of the United  
Colonies afterwards United States, on or about the first of June in the year  
seventeen hundred & seventy nine as a private soldier & served as a private  
soldier in the Regiment of State troops of the Connecticut line under the  
following named officers - viz - Levi Wells was Colonel of said Regiment -  
Ozias Bissell was Captain, John Francis Lieutenant - & . . . Trall  
or Thrall Ensign <sup>of the company</sup> in which he served - that his enlistment was  
for the term of nine months & that he served out the full term of  
nine months in said Regiment & company & was discharged in the  
month of March in the year 1780 - that he resided in the town of  
East Hartford in Hartford County in the state of Connecticut when he  
enlisted as aforesaid & immediately joined the company & Regiment  
aforesaid and marched from East Hartford to New London & to various  
other places in the western part of Connecticut under frequent alarms  
at the approach of the enemy & that the whole of said service was performed  
in the state of Connecticut during which time no battle or skirmish  
happened to fall to the lot of the said Risley.

And the said Allen Risley, in answer to the interrogatories  
prescribed by the War Department, further states & declares as follows - viz

To the first interrogatory he answers - that he was born at East Hartford  
Hartford County, in the state of Connecticut in the year 1763.

To the second interrogatory he answers that a copy of the record of his  
age is with his brother Allen Risley of New Hartford <sup>which copy</sup> was taken  
from the records of his father in Connecticut & <sup>remains with him</sup> that said copy now

To the third interrogatory he answers that he lived in East Hartford  
aforesaid when he entered the service as before stated; and he continued  
to reside at that place & at New Hartford in said state of Connecticut



for several years after the close of the Revolutionary war - then removed into Whitestown, now New Hartford in the County of Oneida & state of New York where he now resides.

To the fourth interrogatory he answers that he voluntarily enlisted into the said service.

To the fifth interrogatory he answers that Levi Wells was Colonel of Regiment of State troops of the Connecticut line, Ozias Bissell - Captain of the Company, John Francis Lieut & ... Thrall or Thrall Ensign. The services the declarant was mostly called upon to perform consisted in marching from place <sup>to place</sup> in Connecticut in order to repel the enemy or to protect the country from his ravages on alarms & orders being given for that purpose.

To the sixth interrogatory he answers that he is well known to the Rev. Noah Coe and David Risley who both reside in the town of New Hartford & in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for never received any written discharge: After his term of nine months service was out the troops we called together & he with others was discharged verbally by the proper officer.

To the seventh interrogatory he answers that he is well known to the Rev. Noah Coe and David Risley who both reside in the town of New Hartford & in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his <sup>character</sup> for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state and he also declares that he is now seventy years & five months of age; and now begs leave to refer to the deposition of Eli Risley and David Risley as collateral proof of his services as aforesaid.

Sworn & subscribed the  
10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.

Allen Risley

before me

C. Williams Notary Public

David Risley being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he was well acquainted with Allen Risley in the years 1779<sup>1780</sup> & is now well acquainted with him - that he well knows that in the year 1779, at East Hartford, Hartford County in the state of Connecticut, he enlisted or entered into the service of the army of the Revolutionary war, on or about the first of June of said year for the term of nine months, as a private soldier, and <sup>that he</sup> served out the full term of nine months in the company of Capt. Ozias Bissell

State of New York }  
Oneida County Jo. }

Thomas Wadsworth of New Hartford  
in said county being duly <sup>affirmed</sup> says that he is now  
nearly seventy years of age - that in the year 1779 he  
lived in the town of East Hartford in the state of Connecticut  
and was then and ever since has been well acquainted with  
Allen Risley then of East Hartford aforesaid & now of New Hartford  
in said county of Oneida; - that in the said year 1779 this  
deponent was informed and verily believed and still believes that  
said Allen Risley was engaged in the service of the army  
of the Revolution & did perform <sup>as a soldier of the Revolutionary</sup> considerable service in said  
army, but this deponent cannot now say definitely & distinctly  
how long the said Allen was out in said service; but according  
to this <sup>deponent's</sup> best recollection the said Allen was gone from his  
home in said service about nine months & has no doubt of  
the fact being so. And this deponent further says that in  
the year 1782 the said Allen Risley was again engaged  
in said service & was out with this deponent under Colo.  
McLellan, in & about New London two months in said service  
And this deponent further says that the said Allen Risley was  
a stout & active young man & well able to perform  
military service at the times above mentioned - and  
that he is brother of David Risley of New Hartford aforesaid.  
And further the deponent says not  
Thomas Wadsworth Jr

January 13<sup>th</sup> 1834.  
Personally appeared before me Thomas Wadsworth  
above named with whom I am well acquainted, and  
made solemn affirmation to the truth of the foregoing  
statement. And I further certify that I have  
for more than fifteen years been well acquainted  
with the said Wadsworth & know him to be  
a man of truth & that his statement is entitled  
to credit.

Saw Dakin Justice of the  
peace



State of New York  
Oneida County

Moses Risley of Vienna in  
Said County, aged 88 Years, being duly sworn  
says that he is a brother of Allen Risley of  
New Hartford in Said County who is now 78 years  
of age. That they lived together at East Hart-  
ford State of Connecticut, in the year 1779 - And that  
in the month of June 1779 as this deponent  
believes, the said Allen Risley, enlisted in  
Capt. Elias Bixells Company and in Co.  
Levi Wells Regiment, for the Term of Nine  
Months, and that he the said Allen Risley  
marched with the troops to New London Conn  
and served there until cold weather when  
the troops were ordered away and removed  
from New London towards N. Y. - and that  
he continued to serve for the full period of his  
enlistment. That in the month of September  
1779 this deponent was called out in the  
Militia and went to New London and there  
saw his brother doing duty as a Soldier, and  
this deponent roomed in the same house  
with him. The said Allen Risley did  
not return home until the expiration  
of the nine Months, when he returned  
to East Hartford having served  
the full term of Nine Months as this  
deponent understood at that time and  
fully believes in all respects to be true.  
And this deponent further says, that he



remained at New London at the time  
he served in the Militia one month  
or more.

His  
(Moses f. Riley,  
Mark.

Personally appeared before me Moses  
Riley above named known to be a man  
of credibility truth & veracity and made  
oath to the above affidavit. The reason  
of his making his mark is because from  
his extreme age & shaking of his hand he  
cannot now write.

January 9<sup>th</sup> 1834.

P. V. Johnson  
Sup Court Commr.

Clerks Office

Oneida County. I George Brown Clerk of said  
County do hereby Certify, that Benjamin  
P. Johnson Esq. before whom the foregoing  
Affidavit purports to have been sworn,  
was at the date of the same a Supreme  
Court Commissioner in and for the County  
of Oneida, and duly authorized to act as such,  
and further that I am well acquainted with his  
hand writing and verily believe his name subscribed  
to the said Affidavit to be his proper hand writing  
and signature.

Witness my hand & seal of Office at Utica  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1834

Geo. Brown Clerk

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*Conn.*

*Risley, Asa*

*S. 12226*

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New Hampshire  
Asa Hixley

of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire  
who was a private in the Corp. commanded  
by Captain Parkbear of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Steele in the Cont. line for 6 M.

see letter 14<sup>th</sup> July 84

To  
D. C. Churchill Esq. N. H.  
Lyons

Inscribed on the Roll of New Hamp.  
at the rate of 20 Dollars — Cents per annum.  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 24 day of Sep.  
1880 and due to M. Smith  
Hanover

Amount to the 1st of Sep 80 \$ 5 00  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 84 1 00  
\$ 6 00

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by S. C. Stiles Clerk,  
Book 6 Vol. 1. Page 145.

and new certifi-  
cate issued 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 1884  
ing from 1880 to 1884



21510  
New Hampshire

Asa Bistley N.H.

Grafton, in the State of  
who was a private in the Comd. commanded  
by Captain Case of the Regt. commanded  
by Colo. Pease in the  
line for 7 Months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Map  
at the rate of 23. Dollars 33 Cents per annum.  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1834 and sent to  
O. C. Churchill Lyme N.H.  
Amount to the 1st of March 1834. \$70.00  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 1<sup>st</sup> Sep '11 11 66  
\$81.66

{ Revolutionary Claim. }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }  
Recorded by George Taylor Clerk  
Book 6 Vol. 1 Page 115

This certificate is issued in  
pursuance of an Act of the  
Congress of the United States  
passed March 3, 1833

We Asa Risley Junr and Serrish Risley  
of Hanover depose and say that we have often  
heard Mr Asa Risley our Father mention  
that when he lived in Coventry in connection  
in the time of the Revolutionary war he belonged  
to a volunteer Company commanded by Capt  
Case and that he served under him six months  
and was called out several times while in  
that company. we have heard him say that  
he had a uniform military dress and was  
completely armed for war —

Asa Risley Jr  
Serrish Risley

State of New Hampshire

Grafton ss Hanover June 5th 1834

Then the above named personally appeared and  
made oath that the above declaration by them  
subscribed is just and true — before me

John D. McKee Justice of Peace

I hereby certify that am well acquainted with  
the above named deponents and consider them  
to be good for truth and veracity.

John D. McKee Justice of Peace

**BRIEF** in the case of *Asa Pilsbury*  
*Comd' of Lyrafter* in the State of *N Hampshire*  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *n. y. did*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity? *not*
3. How old is he? *77 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Full</i> In 1776		<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. Talcott Gen. Sullivan</i>
<i>June</i> - 1781		<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Capt. Baulster. Col. Pease</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *none*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Country Connecticut*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *In a declaration*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?  
*There is no witness but John Lusk and Ely M. Miller are acting*  
*Justices of the Peace*

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Richard C. Curtis*  
 Examining Clerk.



I Esther Smith of Hanover County of  
Grafton and State of New Hampshire  
depose and say that I lived in the Town of  
Coventry in the State of Connecticut in  
the time of the revolutionary war I was  
sixteen or seventeen years of age when  
my Brother Asa Krisley then of said Coventry  
now of said Hanover joined Capt Benjamin  
Cases Company of volunteers I think that  
it was in 1776 I remember that Capt Cases  
Company often met at Wilsons Tavern for  
military exercise and if I remember right  
Capt Cases company was dressed in  
uniform I remember that my Brother  
was called out and went to Windham  
as I then understood how long he was  
gone at that time I cannot say I am now  
old and forgetful and it is a long time since  
my Brother joined Capt Cases company.

Grafton N.H. Hanover June 18<sup>th</sup> 1834 (Esther Smith  
then the above named Esther Smith personally  
appeared and made oath that the above declaration  
by subscribed in her belief is just and true  
before me

John Durkee Justice Peace  
I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with  
the deponent and consider her to be a person  
good for truth and veracity

John Durkee Justice Peace

State of New Hampshire }  
County of Strafford } the 1832  
On this day Personally appeared, before <sup>the Honorable</sup> ~~me~~ the Honorable Timothy  
Barrow Esquire, one of the associate justices of the Court of  
Common Pleas for the State of New Hampshire, the said  
T. of said Hanover, aged seventy seven years, who being  
first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make  
the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of  
the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832. —

That in the fall of the year 1876 he lived in Coventry in the State of Connecticut, and that on or about the first of October in that year ~~he~~ was drafted as private, and was soldier, in the company of Capt. Joseph Talcott, and Lieutenant Joseph Root, both of said Coventry, and at that time ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> entered the service of the United States in said company ~~my~~ <sup>said</sup> ~~company~~ <sup>company</sup> was ordered to march to Providence in the State of Rhode Island, whither we went, and we were then placed under the command of Gen. John Sullivan, and <sup>he</sup> did duty there under him for three months, the term for which we were drafted - at the expiration of said term ~~our~~ <sup>the soldiers</sup> said company was discharged, but ~~we~~ <sup>the soldiers</sup> received no discharge individually - ~~Said~~ <sup>Said</sup> company was drafted entirely from the 1<sup>st</sup> town of Coventry and the adjoining towns of Mansfield in said State of Connecticut - <sup>that he</sup> ~~he~~ marched the distance of about seventy miles, from 1<sup>st</sup> Coventry to 1<sup>st</sup> Providence - Soon after ~~my~~ <sup>his</sup> return he moved to the town of Greenfield in the State of Massachusetts and resided there about one year, when he removed to the town of Bolton in Connecticut, adjoining said town of



B overntry where I ended about nine years - that in the  
 year 1781 and according to the best of his recollection, in the  
 month of June, the latter part of June, he he thinks about the  
 tenth or twelfth day of the month, he was again drafted to  
 serve in the militia for three months, <sup>as a private soldier</sup> in Captain Parker's  
 company, Lieutenant M. Kinney, Ensign Loomis, - and  
 for Colonel <sup>Pease's</sup> Regiment, and at that time he again  
 entered the service of the United States - was ordered to  
 march & did march to New London in said State of  
 Connecticut, about 40 miles and there served three  
 months in said company & Regiment, when he was  
 discharged with his company, but no individual discharges  
 were given to any of said company -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State — That he moved from sd Bolton more than forty years ago to the said town of Haverhill, and has resided there ever since — That he has no certificate or Documentary evidence whatever of his said service — That no person now living so far as he knows or can learn, <sup>who</sup> was with him, or by whom he can learn the said service, except Gideon Smith whose testimony he has ~~been~~ procured — That he was born in Glastenbury in said State of Connecticut October 5, 1754, according to his family records which he has now in his possession — That he removed from said Glastenbury to said County & remained there till he was first drafted as ~~soldier~~ <sup>the Rev. Amos Smith</sup> — That he is well known to Elijah Miller Esq. & ~~Benjamin Fiske Esq.~~ <sup>Benjamin Fiske Esq.</sup> who live in his neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity and true belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution —

And Bailey

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before

T. Harman, Asst. Secy. of  
the County of C. D.



Ann Riley,  
application for

Divorce

1867

State of New Hampshire

Grafton

I George Woodward Clerk of the Court  
of Common Pleas for the County of Grafton  
do certify that the Honorable James M.  
Tarrar is an Associate Justice of the  
Court of Common Pleas for the State of  
New Hampshire being a Court of Record  
and that the within are his genuine  
signatures.

Witness my hand & the seal  
of said Court this 15th day of  
September 1832

George Woodward Clerk





SERVICE

NUMBER

Continental (Comm.) Riskey, Asahel  
Asahael

B.L. Wt. 6410-100  
Issued 1790

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# DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

*Regulations for the heirs of Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army, who were slain by the enemy, or who have died since the war, and have not received land from the United States.*

By an act of Congress of the 16th September, 1776, it is provided that the Officers and Soldiers who engaged for, and continued to serve during the war, or until discharged by Congress, and the heirs of such Officers and Soldiers as shall be slain by the enemy, shall receive land in proportion to their rank.

N. B. Those who engaged for three years, or for any other period than during the war, or who died of sickness, fatigue, or casualty, are not entitled to land from the United States.

The following declaration (and enclosed blank form of heirship) must be filled up and signed by the proper authorities:

State of *Connecticut* } *Hartford, February 12, 1842.*  
County of *Hartford*,

I, *Horace Risley* heir at law of *Isabel Risley*,  
do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that *Isabel Risley*,  
did enter the service in 1777, for the term of *the war*,

and served as a *private* in the Regiment No. \_\_\_\_\_ under the command of Colonel  
*Sheldon* of the *Connecticut* line; and that he continued  
in the service aforesaid until *the close of the war*.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to *said Isabel Risley* on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: *therefore, or that any other heir of the said Isabel ever received the same. Therefore,*

*Know all men by these presents, That I Horace Risley -* <sup>aforesaid,</sup>  
*acting for myself and my wife, Harriet and Susan, the only heirs at law,*  
do hereby constitute and appoint *John Russell, of Hartford, aforesaid,* to be my true  
and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the  
United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due to me, <sup>and my sister above named, or sister</sup> as aforesaid; and my said attorney is  
hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys  
under him, for the special purposes above expressed.

*Horace Risley*

Attest,

*Seth Terry*

State of *Connecticut*, *Hartford County Feb 12. 1842.*  
Personally appeared the abovenamed *Horace Risley*, subscriber

to the foregoing declaration, and made oath to the same, and in my presence acknowledged the power of attorney thereto subjoined to be *his* free act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Attest,

*Seth Terry*

Justice of the Peace.

In testimony that the above written *Seth Terry* was a magistrate  
authorized to administer oaths, and take acknowledgments, &c. in the State of *Connecticut*,  
at the above date, and that his name there subscribed appears to me to be his usual signature, I have here-  
unto affixed the county seal, and subscribed my name and quality, at *Hartford in S. County*  
this *fifteenth* day of *February* 18 *42*

*James H. Holcomb* C. Clerk, &c.  
of said *Hartford County* &c.

State of Connecticut }  
Hartford County. }

Probate Office February 12<sup>th</sup> 1842

I certify that satisfactory evidence was adduced to me, to  
prove that Horace Risley, Harriet Morris, wife  
of Davis Morris, and Lucy Francis, wife  
of James Francis are

the heirs at Law and the only

heirs at law in fee to Asahel Risley who

was a Private in the Regiment of  
Dragoons under the command of Colonel  
Sheldon of the Connecticut line in the  
Revolutionary War—

Given under my hand and Seal of Office, this  
twelfth day of February 1842.

Seth Terry Judge of the Court of  
Probate for the District of Hartford,  
in said County.

The above form will answer for the following States, viz:

Maine,  
Massachusetts,  
New Hampshire,  
Rhode Island,  
Connecticut,  
Vermont. } Judge of Probate.

New York,  
New Jersey. } Surrogate.

South Carolina,  
Georgia. } Ordinary.



BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Risley, Asahel GRADE Private LINE Sheldon's Dragoons  
(Connecticut)

WARRANT NUMBER 6410 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED Apr. 19, 1790

{ "Original Warrant sent to the heirs of Asahel Risley, dec'd, under a decision of the Secretary of War. See letter dated March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1842 to Jno. Russell, Esqr., Hartford, Conn. See entry on New Series - Letter P. "

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NUMBER

Conn.

Risley, David  
Cynthia

N. 24768.

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New York Utica Agency

David Risley

of Oneida Co. in the State of New York

who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Bissell of the Regt. commanded  
by Col Wells in the Connecticut  
line for 9 months

Inscribed on the Roll of New York Utica  
at the rate of 30 Dollars 00 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1834 and sent to  
Sam Bakin New Hartford

Amount to the 4th of March '34 \$ 90.00  
Pemi-ant. allowance ending Sep. 4 '34 - 15.00

\$105.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Acct June 7, 1832. }

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558.

New York

Albany

Cynthia Risley

widow of David Risley  
Conn  
who was a Private

in the Conn. line

for 9 months

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
30 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
24th day of June, 1843  
and sent to

Jeremiah Manchester

New Hartford

Oneida County N.Y.

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

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## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

State of New York } ss.  
Onondaga County }  
— " —

On this twelfth day of July - in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Nathan Williams Vice Chancellor of the Fifth Circuit of the state of New York in the Court of Chancery now sitting David Risley, resident of New Hartford in the county of Onondaga & state of New York aged almost sixty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. —

That he enlisted in the army of the United Colonies, afterwards United States on or about the first of June in the year seventeen hundred & seventy nine as a private soldier & served as a private soldier in the Regiment of State troops of the Connecticut line under the following named officers - viz - Levi Wells was Colonel of said Regiment, - Ozias Bissell was Captain, John Francis Lieutenant & . . . Trall or Thrall Ensign of the company in which he served - that his enlistment was for the term of nine months & that he served out the full term of nine months in said Regiment and company & was discharged in the month of March in the year 1780 - that he resided in the town of East Hartford in Hartford County in the state of Connecticut where he enlisted as aforesaid & immediately joined the company & Regiment aforesaid & marched from East Hartford to New-London & to various other places in the western part of Connecticut under frequent alarms of the approach of the enemy - that the whole of said service was performed in the state of Connecticut during which time no battle or skirmish happened to fall to the lot of the said Risley. —

And the said David Risley, in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department further states & declares as follows —

To the first interrogatory he <sup>answers</sup> ~~states~~ that he was born at East Hartford Hartford County, in the state of Connecticut in the year 1766.

To the second interrogatory - he <sup>answers</sup> ~~states~~ that a copy of the record of his age at the time when he was born, was taken from the record of his father in Connecticut, which copy now remains with his brother Allen Risley of New Hartford. —



To the third interrogatory he answers that he lived in East Hartford  
Hartford county in the state of Connecticut when entered the service  
as before stated - that he resided at East Hartford & at New Hartford  
for the state of Connecticut for several years after the close of the Rev-  
olutionary war. then removed into Whitestown, now New Hartford Onida  
County in the state of New York & now continues there to reside

To the fourth interrogatory he answers, that he voluntarily enlisted into the  
said service.

To the fifth interrogatory he answers, that Levi Wells was Colonel of  
the Regiment of State troops of the Connecticut line, Ozias Bissell was Captain  
of the company, John Francis Lieut. & ... Trall or Thrall Ensign. The  
services he <sup>declared</sup> was mostly called upon to perform consisted in marching from  
place to place in Connecticut to <sup>in order</sup> repel the enemy or to protect the country  
from his ravages on alarms & orders being given for that purpose.

To the sixth interrogatory he answers that he never received any  
written discharge, after his nine months service was out he was  
verbally discharged by the proper officer

To the seventh interrogatory he answers, that he is well known to  
the Rev. Noah Coe & Allen Risley who both reside in the town  
of New Hartford & in his present neighborhood who can testify as  
to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier  
of the Revolution.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension  
or annuity except the present & he declares that his name  
is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state, & he  
also declares that he is now nearly sixty seven years of age & also  
begs leave to refer to the deposition of Eli Risley & Allen Risley as  
collateral proof of his services aforesaid. —

Subscribed & sworn the  
10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.  
before me

David Risley

C. W. W. M. in Chan.

~~Eli Risley~~ and Allen Risley being duly sworn according  
to law depose and say that he was well acquainted with David Risley  
in the years 1779 & 1780 and is now well acquainted with him -  
that he well know that in the year 1779, at East Hartford, Hartford  
County in the state of Connecticut he enlisted & entered into the  
service of the army of the Revolutionary war, on or about the  
first of June of said year for the term of nine months as a private  
soldier & that he served out the full term of nine months in the



256<sup>8</sup> (2411)  
Cynthia Rusty  
Moon  
David Rusty

act 1838

H. 26 Aug. 1834

Admitted  
Private gun  
P. P. Rusty

Thome  
Shuafy. My.

State of New York

Orinda County

Moses Gillet  
Minister of the Gospel of Rome in said County  
aged 62 years, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says that Cynthia Risley within  
named is sister of the deponent - that she  
is the widow of David Risley late of New  
Hartford in said Co. and has remained his  
widow ever since his death - That the said  
Cynthia - whose maiden name was Gillet  
was married to the said David Risley at the  
house of this deponent's father in New Hartford  
Litchfield Co. by the Rev. Jonathan Chapin.  
This marriage took place at said place  
in the winter of the Year 1789 - but the  
exact day this deponent does not collect,  
though he has no reason to doubt, it was  
on the day stated in the declaration of  
Mrs. Risley hereto annexed -

Given in open Court  
the day & year aforesaid  
the said Moses Gillet being  
a hand & credible  
Deponent

State of New York.

Orinda County

Nobes Risley of Vienna  
in said County aged 81 years, being duly sworn  
says that he is a brother of David Risley of  
New Hartford in said County, who is now 67 years  
of age. That they lived together at East Hartford  
in the State of Connecticut in the Year 1779—  
and that in the month of June 1779, this deponent  
believes, the said David Risley enlisted in  
Captain Oziel Pissells Company, and in  
Col Levi Wells Regiment for the term of nine  
months, and that he the said David Risley  
marched with the troops to New London  
Connecticut, and served ~~there~~ for the full  
period of his enlistment. <sup>The Regiment having removed from New London towards N.Y.</sup> That in the  
month of September 1779 this deponent  
was called out in the militia and went  
to New London and there saw his brother  
doing duty as a Soldier, and this deponent  
roomed in the same house with him.  
The said David Risley was a very large  
and healthy boy of his age — and he did  
not return home until the expiration  
of the nine months — when he returned  
to East Hartford — having served the  
full term of nine months as this  
deponent understood at that time  
and fully believes to be in all respects  
true — And this deponent further says



that he never heard any objection made  
to said David Risley as a Soldier on acc-  
ount of his age - This deponent remained  
at New London at the time he served in  
the militia One month or more -

"Intended" The Regiment having removed  
from New London to New York, N.Y.

Moses H. Risley  
Mark.

Person appearing before me Moses Risley  
above named known to be a man of Credibility  
with good Veracity and made oath to the above  
affidavit - The reason of his making his  
mark is, because from his extreme age  
and shaking of his hand he cannot now  
write. The foregoing intimation made before  
oath administered.

January 9<sup>th</sup> 1834.

B. P. Johnson  
Sup Court Commr

Clerks Office

Oneida County: I George Brown Clerk of said County  
do hereby certify, that Benjamin P. Johnson  
Esq before whom the foregoing affidavit  
purports to have been sworn was at the  
date of the same a Justice of the Peace in  
for the said County, and duly authorized  
to act as such, and further that I am well acquainted  
with his hand writing and verily believe his name subscribed  
to the said Affidavit to be his proper hand writing signature  
Witness my hand and seal of Office this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of January A.D. 1834.

Geo. Brown Clerk

# Register

of David Risley and FAMILY  
 born November 2<sup>d</sup> 1766 & MARRIED  
 Cynthia Gillet She was born Aug<sup>th</sup> 1747  
 & by her hath the following Children, viz.

NAMES	BORN	DIED
First Child	Nov <sup>r</sup> Feb <sup>r</sup> 1791	Feb 5- 1791
Eliza Risley	Dec 10 1794	
Cynthia Risley	July 8 1796	
David R. Risley	Jan 29 1802	
Larry Risley	Jan 14 1807	
George W. Risley	April 3- 1810	

M.  
DIED

DIED

Keep sacred the Memory Of your Ancestors



# DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July. 1833 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of New York, }  
County of Oneida, ss. }

County of Oneida. ss. 'On this first day of October 1838 personally appeared before <sup>me</sup> the Court of ~~Common Pleas~~, of said county, Cynthia Risley a resident of New Hartford, in the county aforesaid, aged 69 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An Act granting Half-pay and Pensions to certain Widows," that she is the widow of David Risley late of said New Hartford, who was a Revolutionary Penman of the United States and a statute whose service, will be found on the records of the Pension Office Washington

She further declares that she was married to the said David Risley  
 at New Haven Conn - on the eight day of January in the  
 year Seventeen hundred and eighty nine; that her husband, the aforesaid  
David Risley — died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834,  
 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service,  
 but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, 1794 viz; at the  
 time above stated and that she has no record of said marriage  
 Sworn to and subscribed on } <sup>with the proper solemnity</sup> and before the undersigned  
 the day and year above written } of the Rev Mrs. Gillet as the marriage  
 and the record here annexed



subscribed and  
from before  
in open court.

Made many years of the  
family

Deem aith

Erynthia Pringle

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
 for a statement of the military history of David Risley  
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
 information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-  
 sion on file in this Bureau. W. 24768.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<u>June 1, 1779</u>	<u>9 mos.</u>	<u>Priv.</u>	<u>Abias Bissell</u>	<u>Levi Wells</u>	<u>Conn.</u>

Battles engaged in, \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Residence of soldier at enlistment, East Hartford, Conn.

Date of application for pension, July 10, 1833. His ch. was al.

Residence at date of application, New Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y.

Age at date of application, Nov. 29 (2) 1766, at East Hartford, Hartford Co., Conn.

Remarks: He mar. at New Hartford, Conn., Jan. 8,  
1789, Cynthia Gillett, who was born Sept. 19, 1769, he died Aug. 24, 1834, she was al.  
pen on her ap. ex. Oct. 1, 1838, while a resident of New Hartford, N. Y.  
Children: First child (a son) born Feb. 4, 1791, died Feb. 5, 1791;  
Electa, b. Dec. 16, 1794; Cynthia, b. July 8, 1796; David H. b. Jan. 29, 1802,  
Lucy, b. Jan. 16, 1807; George W. b. Apr. 3, 1810.  
 Respectfully,

Commissioner.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Risley, David GRADE Private LINE New York

WARRANT NUMBER 7713 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED May 27, 1791  
to Row & Grader, Ad<sup>rs</sup>

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SERVICE

NUMBER

*Comm.*

*Risley, Eli  
Mindwell*

*N. 10236*

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New York  
Ole. Kitley  
Onida in the State of New York  
who was a private in the Co. commanded  
by Captain Grainger of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Maltby in the New York  
line for 20 months

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 66 Dollars 66 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.  
1833 and rec'd by E. Allen  
Person

Amount to the 1st of Sep. 33 \$166.66  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st Mch. 33.33  
\$199.99

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
{ Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by G. C. Stiles Clerk  
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New York  
Mindwell Risley  
Widow of Eli Risley  
Conn  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a Private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
Sixty Six Dollars Sixty Six  
Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1851  
and sent to

N. G. Merrill  
Vernon N.Y.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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Declaration to obtain the benefit of the  
Act of Congress passed June 7. 1832

State of New York?

Onondaga County? I in the eleventh day of September

AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the  
Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of  
Onondaga aforesaid now sitting, John Wesley a resident of  
Vermont in said County of Onondaga & State aforesaid aged  
thirty eight years who being first duly sworn according to  
law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in  
Order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed  
June 7. 1832

That he entered the service of the United States by  
voluntary enlistment in the State troops of the State of  
Connecticut about the first day of July in the year 1779 at  
fifteen years of age for <sup>eight</sup> months under Captain  
Brian Rippe in a regiment commanded by Colonel Levi  
Wells. That one Jesse Root was adjutant. That he  
now recollects no other of the field or company officers  
That he served in said company at New London in the  
said State until the last of December 1779 & from thence  
went ~~up~~ to North Stratford in the County of Fairfield  
in said State into winter quarters with the Regiment  
That the object of their being at New London was to guard  
the place. That he did no service there except the usual  
services of the camp and sometimes on fatigue in building  
a fort on an eminence which overlooked Fort Mifflin  
to keep the enemy from taking possession of the eminence  
where fort on the eminence was called by the soldiers  
"Fort Mifflin". That the Regiment went to North  
Stratford by way of Lyme & New Haven. but he had to pass  
to go through Stratford & that he went home & thence to  
North Stratford by way of New Haven. That he was in  
no battle. That he recollects a British Fleet passed the  
London toward New York in the harbor. That he was  
discharged from the service about the first of March 1780  
at the end of his term

And he doth further declare that about the first  
of June 1780 he entered the service of the United States  
by voluntary enlistment to the State of Connecticut as  
a private for six months. That he was enlisted by John

Headway who had charge of the company of his to wit  
him the said Eli Hisey & five others each of whom had a  
team. That his team was three yoke of oxen belonging to  
the State as well as his cart. That they took loads of  
provisions at Houtford for Fishkill & near the Hudson  
River for the army and went by way of Farmington and  
Litchfield to Fishkill. That after he arrived at Fishkill  
he was employed with his team in carrying various  
articles belonging to the army from the town to the landing  
That he was at Hobbs Ferry drawing timber to build a  
block house when Arnold deserted from West Point  
and saw the Barge in which he was carried to the British  
ships Vulture. That he went from Fishkill to West Plains  
Point where a part of the army was and crossed the  
River with the army and was with his team attached to a  
company in General Knox's park of Artillery and  
continued with the said Artillery until they went  
into winter quarters at Lake Hill and was discharged  
sometime in December having served with his team that a  
part of his team remained with the army then.

The further declares that he again entered the service  
of the United States by voluntary enlistment in the State  
troop of the State of Connecticut about the first of  
March 1781 for a year in a regiment just raised com-  
manded by Major's Humphrey & Davis in Captain  
Samuel Wager's Company. That one Smith was  
Lieutenant and one Allen was ensign. That Loring  
and Root were Adjutants. That the Regiment rendezvoused  
at Horseneck in Fairfield County and that he joined the  
Regiment there. That the French troops were at White  
Plains when he first went to Horseneck and soon after  
went to Yorktown. That he was employed in scouting  
parties through the woods about Horseneck and  
White Plains and on the lines. That General Mifflin  
had the command of the troops where he served. That he  
was in no battle. That the Regiment went into winter  
quarters to Little North of Palmyers Hill in Horseneck  
County. That a few days before his time was out and  
about the middle of February according to the best of his



recollection, that said Samuel Willaby & Thomas Keeney  
were sent to Hartford to capture a prisoner, a refugee  
whose name he does not recollect to deliver him to the  
Sheriff of Hartford & on doing that they were to be considered  
as discharged from their service & that they did deliver the  
prisoner to the said Sheriff whose name was Williams  
and he went home. That in all his services as a soldier  
he was a private.

He further declares that he was born at East  
Hartford in the County of Hartford in the State of Connecticut  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1784.

That he has a record of his age which he now produces  
and says was his father's formerly record, showing his age as  
ages and.

That he resided at East Hartford at each time of his  
entering the service. That he lived there at the close  
of the revolutionary war & until the year 1826 when he  
removed to Vernon in said County of Orange where he now  
resides.

That he is unable to state the names of any regular  
officers who were with the troops where he served on  
the Continental or Militia Regiments further than  
above set forth.

That he had no written discharge from the  
service at either time, has no documentary evidence.

That he is unable to prove any thing about his  
services as a soldier except by the testimony of said  
Risley and Oliver Risley whose affidavit is hereto  
annexed. He relinquishes all claim.

He further says that there is no person in his neighbor-  
hood who knows any thing on the subject of his services  
that from the knowledge of his residence that no person  
has been informed raised as to his having been a soldier  
nor does he know of any thing being known on the  
subject except what he may have said to the persons  
there residing. That James Moore, Annie Patterson &  
Samuel Cady are persons who reside (within one and  
two miles from him & have known him ever since he



has never in town and can testify to his character for  
truth & veracity

Subscribed & sworn to day &

year of our age

J. B. Read Dep. Clk

Ch. Kiffley

We Samuel Cady, Daniel Pittabone & James Moore do  
hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Eli  
Nesley of Vermont in Oneida County. That we have  
known him five or six years that we reside in Vermont  
not far from him; that we believe him to be of the age of  
thirty-eight years. That he is a person of fair character in  
the neighborhood where he lives and a man of truth &  
veracity. That we verily believe from his representation  
that he was a revolutionary soldier but do not know of  
any private opinion on the subject either way. That he is  
the same person who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing  
declaration

Subscribed & sworn to  
day & year of our age

J. B. Read Dep. Clk

Samuel Cady

Daniel Pittabone

James Moore

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
after the investigation of the matter that the said and after  
putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department  
that the above named applicant was a soldier and  
served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it  
appears to them that Samuel Cady, Daniel Pittabone &  
James Moore are residents of Vermont of good character and are  
credible persons and that their statements are entitled to  
credit

J. B. Read Dep. Clk

Attorney for the plaintiff

I George Brown Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the  
County of Oneida & State of New York do hereby certify that  
the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court  
in the matter of the application of Eli Nesley for a pension and  
further that on the day when the appearance of said Nesley  
and others Nesley heirs appeared for the purpose to have been  
taken some action it was a trial of the issue of said County  
duly elected & sworn to. I believe the signature to be certified  
to be his proper hand writing  
his testimony, whereof I have hereunto set

My hand & approved the seal of my said  
office this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1836

Joseph B. Read Dep. Clerk





State of New York  
County of Oneida ss:

On this eighteenth day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace duly authorized by law to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid Mind well Risley aged Eighty Six years a Resident of the town of Augusta in the County of Oneida and State of New York who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Eli Risley deceased, who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army, and who was Pensioned under the Act of Congress of the 7th June, 1832, at the rate of Sixty Six dollars and Sixty Six cents per annum during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March, 1831, and payable semiannually on the 4th of March, and 4th of September, in every year and that the certificate for said Pension was granted her said husband on the 15th day of November A.D. 1833 as will appear by said certificate herewith presented

And she further states that she cannot remember the name of but one of the Officers under which her said husband served in said war and that was Captain Jonathan Roberts of East Hartford in the State of Connecticut under whom she thinks her said husband served Eight or ten months

For proof of the Officers and the length of the time of the service of her said husband in said war she would respectfully refer the Commissioners of Pension to the evidence already on file in the Pension Office, on which was granted the said Pension certificate

She further states that she was married to the said Eli Risley in the town of East Hartford in the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut in the Month of February A.D. 1783, by one Jonathan Wells Esquire a Justice of the peace of the said town of East Hartford, and that her name before



said marriage was Mindwell Risley; that her said husband died at the town of Augusta in the County of Oneida and State of New York on the 18th day of October A.D. 1849. and that she has never intermarried but is still a widow; that she cannot remember the day of the month on which she was married

She further states that she and her said husband after said marriage appeared in Church in said East Hartford and acknowledged the Covenant (as it was termed) for the purpose of having their children baptized and that the Rev. Dr. Williams was Pastor of said Church at that time

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act of Congress of the second day of February A.D. 1848 granting Pensions to widows of certain officers and soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
the day and year above written

J. J. Farnum

Justice of the peace

Mindwell <sup>her</sup> Risley

Signed in presence of  
J. J. Farnum

Justice of the peace

And I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the above claimant and was well acquainted with the said Eli Risley and that the said claimant is the widow of the said Eli and of the age above stated and that she made her cross to her signature in my presence on account of her inability to write her name  
Subscribed to the day and year above written

J. J. Farnum

Justice of the peace

State of New York)  
County of Oneida } ss:

On this eighteenth day of December A.D. 1850  
personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace duly author-  
ized by law to administer oaths within and for the County  
and State aforesaid Orlo Bartholomew who being duly  
sworn according to law deposed and says that he is a minister  
of the Gospel and presides over the Congregational Church  
at Augusta Centre in the Town of Augusta County and State aforesaid,  
that he was well acquainted with Eli Risley of said  
Town, a Revolutionary Soldier that he died in said Town  
on the 18th day of October A.D. 1849. And also that he is  
well acquainted with his widow Mindwell Risley, that  
she has not intermarried but is still a widow. And  
further this deponent says not  
Sworn and subscribed before me Orlo Bartholomew  
on the day and year above written  
J. J. Farnum Justice of the Peace

State of New York)  
County of Oneida } ss:

On this eighteenth day of December A.D. 1850 personally  
appeared before me a Justice of the Peace duly authorized by  
law to administer oaths within and for the County and  
State aforesaid Almon W. Reynolds who being duly sworn  
according to law deposed and says that he is the Town  
clerk for the Town of Augusta in the County and State  
aforesaid that he keeps a record of all the Births, Marriages  
and Deaths in said Town and that the following is a true copy  
from said record in words and figures, to-wit:

Time of Death	Name	Residence	Age	Occupation	Dissem or Cause of death
Oct. 18, 1849	Eli Risley	Augusta	85	Farmer	Frit

Said said record is kept in Conjunction with and as  
required by the Law of said State. And then deponent  
further states that she is acquainted with the widow of the  
said Wesley and that she is still his widow. And further the  
deponent says that

Sworn and subscribed before me Almon W Reynolds  
the day & year above written } Town Clerk  
a Justice  
of the Peace



The Application of the undersigned a Resident  
of the Town of Augusta in the County of Oneida and  
State of New York sheweth that she is the widow of Eli  
Risley a Revolutionary Soldier, deceased, that he was  
married to the said Risley in the Town of East Hartford  
in the County of Hartford & State of Connecticut in the month  
of February A.D. 1783 by one John Wells Esquire a Justice  
of the peace of said Town of East Hartford and that her  
name before said marriage was Mindwell Risley

Also that she and her said husband after said  
marriage appeared in Church in said East Hartford and  
acknowledged the Covenant (as it was termed) for the purpose  
of having their Children baptized and that the Rev. Dr.  
Williams was Pastor of said Church at that time and  
that subsequently at different times several of their Children  
were baptized

And for the purpose of obtaining necessary  
proof of her marriage to said Eli Risley in order that she  
may establish her claim to a Pension, she applies to the  
proper person who has charge of such Records

And first for a certified Copy of said marriage and if  
none exists then

Second for a certified Copy of the Church record of  
said baptisms & said acknowledgment of the Covenant.  
December 17th 1860

Mindwell <sup>husb</sup> Risley  
mark

Signed in presence of

J. J. Farmer Justice of the peace

Signed in presence of

H. G. Merrill

"

"Eli, son to Richard Risley was baptised July 1<sup>st</sup> 1764.  
Mindwell, daughter to Moses Risley, bap. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1764"

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"Eli Risley and his wife Mindwell Risley, owned  
the covenant, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1783"

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"Thankful, dau. to Eli Risley was baptised, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1783  
Naomi, " " " " " August 28<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Eli, son " " " " " March 7<sup>th</sup> 1790  
Horace, " " " " " Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1792  
Susanna, dau. " " " " " March 30<sup>th</sup> 1794  
Allen, son " " " " " April 10<sup>th</sup> 1796  
Rebecca, dau. " " " " " July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1798  
Sophia, " " " " " April 12<sup>th</sup> 1801"

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I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of several  
entries made in the records of the Congregational Church  
in East Hartford, Conn. kept by my predecessors, and now  
in my possession, as witness my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, A. D. 1851.

Samuel Spring. Pastor of Cong. Church  
in East Hartford, Conn.

Hartford County, ss. East Hartford, February 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

Personally appeared, Samuel Spring, Pastor of the Con-  
gregational Church, and signer of the above certificate,  
who, being duly sworn, declares the same to be correct,

and the above a true copy from the records -

Edward S. Goodwin Justice of the Peace.

State of Connecticut  
County of Hartford

J. Wm. C. Carter Clerk

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of the <sup>Reg</sup> ~~Regiment~~ commanded

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3 " 17 " Private.

on the Roll of Albany

of 175 Dollars 42 Cents per

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of Pension issued the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec<sup>r</sup>

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atlin, permt.

to Nathan A. Risley

allowance ending <sup>Adm</sup> for

only <sup>children</sup> ~~children~~

Horace Risley, Elyah Risley,

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New York.

Elijah Fisher

of Hempstead, in the state of New York,  
who was a private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Butler of the Continental  
line, for the term of one year

inscribed on the Roll of War  
at the rate of \$600, Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 10 of May 1776.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 of Sept 1811  
and sent to Phila. Order to  
Evans, Charleston

Arrears to 4th of Sept 1776 \$125.18  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 1 March 1776 \$48.50

15 mo 16 1/31 4/30

Dollars 173.15

{ Revolutionary claim,  
Act 18th March, 1818. }

James B. Fisher

State of New York  
Chautauque county.

On this 16th day of May 1818.

before me the subscribers of the Judges of the Court of  
Common Pleas in and for the County of Chautauque  
of said State, personally appeared Elijah Presley aged about  
sixty one - years, resident in the town of Pomfret  
in the said County of Chautauque, who being by me  
first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make  
the following declaration in order to obtain the  
provisions made by the late act of Congress, entitled,  
"an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the  
land and naval service of the United States in the  
Revolutionary war." That he the said Elijah Presley  
enlisted in Hartford ~~State~~ in the State of Connecticut  
in July 1775 into the Company commanded by Capt.  
Abijah Pomeroy of Col. Jacobus Huntington's Regt.  
and that he served until the 10th of December following,  
when he was discharged at Newbury, Massachusetts.  
That he enlisted again in March 1776 at Hartford Connecticut  
in the Company commanded by Capt. Samuel Wright of

Col. Thomas Miller's Regiment and was discharged  
on the first day of January following at the Camp at  
that he enlisted again in the last of March at first of April,  
Hartford Connecticut into the Company commanded  
by Capt. Isaac Goodrich for three years to serve in the British  
master's Department, under Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth  
where he served about fifteen months, when his Captain  
quitted the service, and he was <sup>put</sup> under Capt. Trissel Phelps Com-  
missioner of waggon, who was under Michael H. Hardy  
Deputy Quarter Master General. That he remained in that  
Company till about the first of January 1779 when said  
Company was discharged at Hartford Connecticut. That  
he was in the battle of Long Island the 27th August 1776  
where he was engaged on board of one of the Gallies at  
New York. That he was engaged in the battle with the  
British about four weeks and was in the battle with the  
British ships in Tappan bay and assisted in burning  
one of the British ships - And that he is now in possession  
of some stones and stonks in and of the County of Chautauque  
and that he has no other evidence now in his  
possession of his said service.

While Order

Subscribed and sworn before  
me this 16th day of May 1818

I do hereby certify that one of the Judges of the Court of  
Common Pleas in and for the County of Chautauque of said  
State, has satisfied that the said



To James L. Edwards Esquire  
Commissioner of Pensions:

The Petition of the  
subscriber, a resident of the Town of Pomfret in the  
County of Chautauque and State of New York, respect-  
fully represents,

That your Petitioner has been duly  
appointed Administrator of the Estate of Elijah Risley  
late of the said Town of Pomfret, now deceased,  
as will appear by the certificate of Orsell Cook  
Surrogate of the said County of Chautauque,  
hereunto annexed:

That the said Elijah Risley in  
his life time was a Pensioner of the United States under  
the act of Congress of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, having been  
a Soldier in the army of the United States in the  
war of the Revolution, and a certificate having been  
issued to him by Hon. J. C. Calhoun Sec. of War,  
bearing date September 29<sup>th</sup> 1819, now being in the  
possession of your Petitioner; under which the said  
Elijah Risley received at the rate of Eight dollars  
per month, commencing on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1818, and continuing up to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1838. —

And your Petitioner further states  
that the said Elijah Risley died in the said  
Town of Pomfret on the Eleventh day of January  
in the year one thousand eight hundred thirty nine  
(1839); that he left no widow, but left the  
following named children him surviving, viz:  
Horace Risley, Elijah Risley, William Risley,  
and Fanny Brigham, wife of  
James Brigham; that they were his only chil-  
dren him surviving and each of them over twenty  
one years of age and all of them are still  
living. —

Your Petitioner further says that  
he has been informed and believes, that the

said Elijah Risley did, besides performing the services for which he received a Pension under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, also enlist and serve as a teamster in the State of Connecticut in a company of teams commanded by Isaac Goodrich, Captain or Conductor of teams, said service continuing for more than two years, for which he was entitled to a Pension under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

Your Petitioner further says that he is a son of Elijah Risley, and grand-son to the said Elijah Risley deceased; and that the said Elijah Risley deceased for many years previous to his death occupied the same house with your Petitioner's father and family, and your Petitioner and other members of the family recollect that the said Elijah Risley deceased in talking about the war and his service, used often to speak of his service as a teamster and of going from point to point on a baggage wagon: And one Veniah Fox, now residing in this same town of Pomfret, and a Pensioner under the said act of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, has informed your Petitioner that he lived a near neighbor to the said Elijah Risley deceased, in Connecticut previous to and during the war of the Revolution, and was intimately acquainted with him, a brother of the said Fox having married a sister of the said Risley, and that he distinctly remembers that in 1776 or 1777, the said Elijah Risley enlisted as a teamster under one Goodrich of Glastenbury, and drove his own team into the service and continued in the service as a teamster he thinks more than two years; all which he the said Fox is ready to verify.

Your Petitioner therefore hereby applies to The Commissioner of Pensions or other proper Officer, that a Certificate may be issued to your Petitioner Administrator as

aforsaid, under the said act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832,  
for the Pension to which the said Elijah Risley  
deceased was entitled for his services as a Seaman  
as aforsaid, after deducting the payments made  
to him under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, hereby  
relinquishing all claim for the balance of  
Pension due him under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> March  
1818.

And your Petitioner as in duty  
bound will ever pray &c.

Hanson A Risley  
Administrator as  
aforsaid.

State of New York  
Chautauque County ss.

Hanson A Risley of  
the Town of Pomfret in said County the above  
named Petitioner being duly sworn doth depose  
and say, that the facts set forth in the above  
petition are true according to the best of the  
deponent's knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn & Subscribed to  
before me this 12 day

December 1846.

William S. Foster Justice of  
the Peace of the County  
of Chautauque.

Hanson A Risley



State of New York  
Chautauque County ss.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, that is to say, the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Chautauque in the State of New York, which said Court has a Seal & a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & proceeds according to the course of the Common Law & keeps Records of all proceedings in the same, Elijah Pichey, resident in the Town of Pompey in said County, aged about 65 Years & 6 Months, who being first duly sworn according to Law, & took his Oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he, the said Elijah Pichey (after having served a term of five months in the Army of the United States in March 1776, enlisted into the Company commanded by Capt. Samuel Wright of Col. Samuel Willis' Regiment of the Connecticut Line for one Year - that he served in such Company and Regiment as a Soldier, till the first day of January 1777, when the said Regiment was broken up & he discharged at the Hospital in Cambridge - sufficient, and allowed 8 days rations to go home with the remaining sum about 10 Months - That he afterwards served one term in the Militia and three Years in the Quarter Master's Department in the Continental Army - That he was in the battle near Red Bank - Long Island & on board the Spitfire as a Volunteer from the Army - an engagement with five British Vessels in San Pedro Bay N. Y. - That his name has been placed on the Pension List & note therefrom, on account of his property - And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not, made any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed.

1 Cow	\$12.50	Butt up	35.90	Butt up	\$54.49
4 Sheep	4	2 old Spinning Whels	3	1 old Bible	1.00
1 Hog	2.50	1 Churn	.50	1 old Po. Book	1.00
1 Frying Pan	1.	1 Earthen Pitcher	.25	3 old Bannets	1.00
3 Tubs	2.	1 Pepper Box	.16	3 Small Tubs	1.00
1 Candle Stand	1.	1 Small Linnell	.12	2 old Flax do.	.25
1 Chest	.75	1 Flat Iron	1.00		
1 Small Linnell	.75	1 Iron Tea-kettle	1.50		\$54.74
12 Earthen Plates	1.	1 Cream Cup	.12		
1 do. Platter	.50	3 Wind Glasses	.25		
5 old Sea-Spoons	37.	1 1/2 ft. Tumbler	.12		
4 old Table do.	40	2 old Wash Bowls	.30		
1 Iron Stove	1.50	1 Glass Bottle	.12		
1 Iron Pot	1.50	2 Wooden Pails	.50		
1 Dish Kettle	.75	1 Baker Pan	1.00		
6 old Tin Pans	1.25	1 1/4 Gall. Bread Kettle	2.50		
1 Tin Cup	.12	1/2 doz. Iron Forks	1.00		
1 Small Churn	.25	2 Iron Basins	1.50		
1 Small Hammer	.20	1 Tea Pot	1.00		
1 Small Pint	.06	1 Sugar Bowl	.12		
5 old Chains	2.00	1 Sp. Spoon	.12		
1 Large do.	1.50	1 Old Spade	.50		
			\$51.49		
	\$35.91				

I have no Dead Potatoes  
whatsoever, and the above is  
true account of summing  
my Potatoes, necessary clothing  
& bedding excepted.  
Philip Kishley.

My family consists of myself, my Wife Phoebe, aged from 62 to 63 years,  
and my Grandson William Sellers, aged nearly 3 years. My Wife is  
infirmed & unable to support herself; my daughter the Mother of William  
Sellers is dead, & his father Philip Sellers is poor & suffers in support  
& at present my said Grandson is a charge upon me & I am unable  
to support myself, principally on account of a Breach with which  
I have been afflicted a number of years which seems to be growing  
worse - I have till lately assisted in tending a First Milk, but my  
principal business now, is tending what can I call a Garden -  
I live with one of my Sons who contributes towards my support  
& was it not for the assistance I receive from my Children who  
are of age & for themselves, I should be dependent on the charity  
of the People for the support of myself & family.

That since the Exhibition of my first Schedule, the following  
changes have been made in my Property; and first, I must observe  
that as soon as my Pension was stopped, all my Creditors called upon  
me at once for payment - & that when I had disposed of the property  
hereafter mentioned, the same had fallen considerably in Value -



The small unfinished House which was mentioned in my first Schedule & in which I considered my right at about \$200, was sold by me about the 1<sup>st</sup> Novr 1820, to Samuel Mear of Chautauque County, to pay him for a note of \$115 which he held against me for Grain which I owed of him at or about the time the house was building.

The small piece of land as mentioned in my first Schedule, for which I had paid my Son (Elijah Kirby Esq.) about \$200 in principal, and was part of a piece of land, which was pledged & mortgaged for as much as it was worth, & for which I never had any writing, has been sold on account of the said pledge & mortgage for \$400 less than the sum due, by which I am divested of all right & title what-  
= ever thereto. My said Son Elijah is insolvent & wholly unable to pay his debts. - The above mentioned piece of land was sold to Philo Burton on account of the said pledge as aforesaid, about 18 Months ago. My said Son Elijah paid Walter Smith for goods which I have used in my family, about \$36. & I never expect to receive any thing more from him, and Account of what I paid him, he being wholly unable to pay his

debts -  
1 old horse & saddle } The horse is dead and the saddle worn out.

1 old and 1 new Wagon } This Wagon & harness are worn out & the Wagon  
& harness } are used up for family use.

1 old Ox Wagon \$19.00

Wool & Linen 20

1 Chair " 50

1 Chair " 25

1 broken back of Glass 1.25

2 Parting Pots " 50

\$24.50

Sold to Thomas Kirby of Chautauque County about Oct. 1820 for \$24.50 for which I recd. Wheat & Hails - The Wheat I sold to Rodd Warrick to pay a note I owed him for Rent, the Hails I used for making a Gun - I used for Capt.

Joseph Pharaoh, which he allowed on a Debt which I owed him for Goods used in my family &c.



1 Clock — \$5.00  
 4 Chains — 4-  
 16 Carthen Plates — 2.  
 1/2 Set of h. & f. — 2.  
 1 Set of cups & saucers — .50  
 1 Cherry Table — 4.50  
 1 Hand Hammer — .25  
 1 large Study aid — 4-  
 100 Copper Scabbles — 1.-  
 4 Shup — 4.50  
 1 Saw — 15.00  
 1 Bake Pan — 1.50  
 1 Old Pot — 1.30  
 1 large Bible — 8.50  
 1 Hand-saw — 2.00  
 1 Hog (Pig) — 4.00  
 1 small Brass kettle — 3.00  
 1 Flat Iron — 1.25  
 2 Iron Basins — 1.75  
 Note on the State of  
 Linnear Road — 10.40  
 4 old Milk pans — .80  
 1 Lantern — .50  
 \$77.95.

This property goods & chattels was sold by  
 me the 24th Nov<sup>r</sup> 1820 to George A.  
 French of Chautauque County for  
 \$77.95 - for which said French  
 paid Walter Smith for goods, prin-  
 cipally used in my family, & after  
 few small debts which I owed  
 at that time

1 Cow - \$15 sold by me to John of Chautauque County, in the  
 fall of 1820, for Dye which was worked into Whiskey & went to pay  
 Capt. Plumb for goods previously used in my family.  
 1 Spider - \$1 - Sold Hulda Bille to pay her for housework  
 done, when my wife was sick, in June, 1821.

The following articles are broken down out of foot -

1 Shaw (bush)	1.00	Prot. up	6.60 1/2
1 Iron Skillet, 20 in	.50	1 Pitcher broke	.30
1 Iron Chisel 20 in		1 Ink Bottle 20 in	.12 1/2
1 Chisel foot	.25	1 Glass Bottle 20 in	.12 1/2
1 Hair hammer foot	.16	2 Carthen Sugs 20 in	.37 1/2
1 R. Compass 20 in	.09	1 Small Decanter 20 in	.25

1 Small Pintlet do. —	0.13	1 Window Glass do. —	12
5 old Bl. wood cut do.		3 Painted Boards do. —	75. \$ 8.45.
fallen to pieces —	1.25.		
1 Old spinning Wheel with do.	50		
1 half Bushel Measure do. —	25.		
2 Tin pails do. —	8 1/2		
2 Tin plates do. —	50		
4 Small tins do. —	50		
1 pair wooden do. —	50		
	<u>\$ 6.40 1/2</u>		

The prices are put to show the value, in the first Schedule — The boxes, flans, packed & Hay in two in my Schedule at about \$16.82 1/2 have all been expended in my family.

It is next to impossible to show what has become of my little article, & perhaps some articles which are set forth as now in my possession, have been purchased since the first Schedule was made — I have paid to Capt. Plumb, towards his Debt for goods about \$60. which has come out of the property first inventoried — \$16. to Thos. Wainwright for fish as above mentioned — \$6.25. to Everett Parker for the 2 tins for myself and family. \$115. to Samuel Mann for above mentioned? \$77.95 to Walter Smith as above mentioned? valued \$36. more to said Smith as above mentioned. And thus has been considerable & expensive sickness in my family, since my first inventory was made. And I have been as prudent and economical as I possibly could be in regard to my expenses — All the amount of my Disbursements, including my furniture (except necessary clothing & bedding) was not exceed the above sum of \$54.74 & the Debt which I owe now, would be \$150.

"Elijah Bailey"

I now to be declared in open Court the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823.

John Dexter Clerk.

Rev. and 1912  
Wars Section  
AWF/eel

March 11, 1929

Miss Kate M. Schutt  
Box 1048, Pittsfield  
Massachusetts

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 23391, it appears that Elijah Risley enlisted in Hartford, Connecticut, in <sup>July</sup> April, 1775, and served five months as a private in Captain Abijah Rowlee's Company, Colonel Jedediah Huntington's Connecticut Regiment. He enlisted in Hartford, Connecticut, in March, 1776, and served as a private in Captain Samuel Wright's Company, Colonel Samuel Wyllys' Regiment, was in the battle of Long Island, and volunteered from the army on board the "Spitfire" and had an engagement with five British ships in Tappan Bay near New York, and served to January 1, 1777, after which he had a tour in the militia, no details of this service given.

He enlisted at Glastonbury, Connecticut, in March or April, year not given, in the Quartermaster Department and served as teamster under Captain Isaac Goodrich and



Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth for fifteen months when he was put under Captain Bissell Phelps, Conductor of Teams, under Deputy Quartermaster General Nehemiah Hubbard and served to January, 1779, having served about two years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 16, 1818, at which time he was living at Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York, aged about sixty-one years.

In 1823, he referred to his wife, Phoebe, as aged about sixty-two years.

The soldier died, January 11, 1839, in Pomfret, New York, leaving no widow, the following children survived him:

Horace; Elijah; William, aged seventeen years in 1823; Levi, aged fourteen years in 1823; and Fanny, wife of James Bingham, all of whom were over twenty-one years of age.

The following grandchildren are referred to:

Hanson A. Risley, son of Elijah Risley, and William Fellows, son of Philip Fellows, he was three years old in 1823, his mother then being dead, her name is not given.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT  
Commissioner.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Continental (Mass) Risley, George

S 17051

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CONTENTS

Connecticut N<sup>o</sup> 28, 1834

George Risley  
Soldier in the State of Connecticut  
who was a private in the Corps commanded  
by Captain Jackson of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Jackson in the ~~French~~ <sup>Continental</sup> War  
for 6 mos & 10 days

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of 21 Dollars 11 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Mar.  
1834. and  
Mr. R. Kibbe, Son of C.

Arrears to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Mar. 1834 13.50  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. 10.38

73.88

{ Revolutionary Claim  
Act June 7, 1832

Recorded by R. Burdick, CL.  
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order to pay June 7, 1834



I William Bigelow of East Hartford in the County of West-  
ford, Connecticut, testify & say, that in the year 1780 I was  
living in the family of Eli Haines, in the Town of Medway, in  
the County of Norfolk, Mass. who was step father to George  
Risley & myself. we were both living in the same family -  
George Risley went into the United States Service from  
Medway, <sup>in the summer of 1780.</sup> was absent from home for the term of six-  
months & returned home, in the month of January 1781  
I called the hard winter - & further the Deposition & the  
William Bigelow  
to

Connecticut, Fall and County to  
on this 2<sup>d</sup> day of August 1832. personally appeared  
William Bigelow the above said Dependent & being duly  
cautioned examined & sworn, made oath to the truth  
of the Deposition of and said by him subscribed  
Taken at the request of George Risley for the  
purpose of obtaining a pension

attest Walter A. Kibbe Just of Peace  
State of Connecticut  
Fall and County to

This certifies that William Bigelow when sworn is opposed  
to the foregoing Deposition is known to the subscriber &  
contains a character for truth

attest Walter A. Kibbe Just of Peace

State of Connecticut } District of Ellington  
County of Tolland } Probate Court August 23<sup>d</sup> 1832  
On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of August 1832 formally appeared in open Court  
before Asa Willey Esquire Judge of Probate for the District of Ellington  
in said Tolland County now sitting in Person in said District as a  
Court of Probate George Wisley of Somers in said County aged 69 years  
who being first duly sworn according to Law doth in his Oath make  
the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of  
Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the United  
States under the following Officers & served as herein stated -  
That in June or July 1780 at Midway in the County of Norfolk in the  
State of Massachusetts he was procured by a class to enter into the service  
of the United States for the period of six months that he & some Whiting  
of Midway repaired to Boston & with others were there mustered &  
he believes enrolled. that they returned home to rendezvous at Boston  
at a given time not recollectd. that at the appointed time the  
corps rendezvoused at Boston amounting to one hundred and  
fifty persons that they marched from Boston by the way of  
Worcester - Brookfield, Springfield in the most direct route for  
West Point of New York that they encamped on their arrival in  
the open air on the Bank of the River opposite West Point they  
then proceeded on the Bank of the River to the crossing place -  
passed the River & proceeded in the most direct route to the head  
Quarters of the American Army in the Service at a place he believes  
called Princeton Plains most of their number men selected and placed  
in the efficient companies of the United States Army to recruit and  
fill the regular Army. that he with others were marched back to  
West Point, that he was then placed in a company of Artillery  
under the command of Capt Packard & Lieut Barber and assigned  
to a Regiment commanded as he believes by Col Gamble & Major  
Johnson. Lieut Barber was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut of said Company that he  
performed duty for a season at West Point & Constitution Island he was  
then taken from said command with four others or four in the  
whole not recollectd the work in the Laboratory at Fishkill  
in packing cartridges which were then made by the Militia  
that he continued at the Laboratory at Fishkill as he now believes  
about 3 months. The persons or Troops at the Laboratory were under



the command of Capt commandant Burr - we then received an  
order to join our company at West Point that he <sup>to do duty</sup> continued at  
West Point until discharged in the month of May 1781 having  
performed ~~at~~ Term of duty of Six Months that he was at Fort Mifflin  
when Arnold made his escape from West Point that while  
at West Point he saw one man hurt & 3 men shot names  
not recollectd that while there himself Samuel Trask and another  
man name not recollectd were tried by a Court Martial under  
a charge of embezzling Gun Powder at Constitution Island and  
were honorably discharged. Major Johnson he now thinks  
furnished at the Court Martial that he has no documentary  
evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he  
can procure who can testify to his service -

In answer to questions proposed by the Court in conformity with the  
circular of the Secretary of War he says that he was born at  
East ~~Hamden~~ Hartford Ct 1763 that he has no record of his age  
that he lived at Madenay Mass when called into service since  
the Revolutionary War he has lived in Ashford, Hartford  
East Hartford, New Hartford & Wadsworth Ct Greensburgh &  
Mansfield Vermont that he now resides in Somers Ct he  
was called into service by a class - Col Greene, Major Johnson  
Capt Jackson Lieut Beaster and he thinks Lt Mason & Lt Eaton  
were with the Troops when he served that he received a discharge  
as he now believes but it is lost, by whom it was given he does not  
recollect - he is known in his present neighborhood by Walter R  
Fletcher & Oliver Chapman & Ezra Emory Leane his Ebenezer Clark &  
Abah Leane Friend R G Dennis who can testify to his character for  
sincerity & their ~~best~~ belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity  
except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension  
Roll of the agency of any State - *Henry Purley*

Signed to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid *Amos Willey Judge*

We John Collins residing in said Somers & Walter R Fletcher residing in said  
Somers hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Henry Purley of said  
Somers who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe  
him to be 69 years of age that he is reputed in the neighborhood where  
he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in  
that opinion -

Signed to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid *John Collins*  
*Walter R Fletcher*  
*Amos Willey Judge*



State of Connecticut County of Tolland  
On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared, in  
open Court, before Asa Willey Esq Judge of Probate for the  
District of Ellington in said Tolland County, now sitting, etc  
Samuel in said District as a tenant of Probate. George  
Risley of Samers in said County aged sixty nine  
years, who being first duly sworn according to Law.  
doth on his oath make the following declaration, in and  
to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the Service of the United  
States, under the following officers & served as herein  
stated -

That in June or July 1780. at Medway in the Coun-  
ty of Norfolk in the State of Massachusetts, he was pro-  
cured by a Col<sup>l</sup> to enter into the Service of the United  
States, for the period of six months - that he & one Whiting  
of Medway repaired to Boston, & with others, were there  
mustered & he being included, that they returned home  
to Medway at Boston, at a given time: not now re-  
collected; that at the appointed time the corps were  
discharged at Boston amounting to one hundred and  
fifty persons - that they marched from Boston by  
the way of Worcester, Brookfield, Springfield,  
in the most direct route for West Point New York,  
that they encamped on their arrival in the open air  
on the Bank of the River opposite West Point  
they then proceeded on the bank of the River to the  
cragging place, passed the River, & proceeded in the  
the most direct route to the heads quarters of the

American Army in the Jersey. at a place, he believes cal-  
led Princeton Plains, Most of their numbers were selected  
& placed in the deficient Companies of the United States  
Army. to recruit ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> regular Army; that he with  
others, were marched back to West Point, that he was  
there placed in a Company of artillery, under the com-  
mand of Capt. Jackson, & Lt. Butler, and connected  
a Regiment, commanded as he now believes, by Col  
Crosby & Major Johnson. Lt Butler was first Lieut  
tenant of said Company - that he performed Duty for  
a season, at West Point & Constitution Island. He was  
then taken from said command with four others  
or four in the whole, not recollecting to work in the  
Laboratory at Fishkill in packing cartridges, which  
were then made by the Militia, that he continued  
at the Laboratory, as he now believes, about three  
months - the Persons or troops at the Laboratory  
were under the command of Capt. Commandant  
Barr, - He then received an order to join our Compa-  
ny, at West Point, that he continued to do Duty at  
West Point until discharged, in the month of Jan'y  
1780 - having performed a tour of Duty of six months  
that he was at Fishkill, when Arnold made his escape  
from West Point, that while at West Point, he saw  
one or an heap of three men shot, names not  
recollecting, that while there, himself, several Troops &  
another, names not recollecting, were tried, by a Court  
Martial, under a charge of embezzling gun powder  
at Constitution Island, and were honorably dis-  
charged. Major Johnson, he now thinks presided at the  
Court Martial - that he has no documentary evi-  
dence, and that he knows of no person, whose testi-  
mony he can procure, who can testify to his concern -



In answer to questions propounded by the Council in conformity  
with the circular of the Secretary of War. he says that  
he was born at East Hartford Ct. 1763. that he has no re-  
cord of his age, that he lived at Madway. Mass. when called  
into service, since the Revolutionary War. he has lived, that  
he has lived in Ashford, Hartford, East Hartford, New Hartford  
& Millington, Ct. in Greenburgh & Marshfield, Vermont; that  
he now resides in Jarrons, Ct. he was called into service  
by a Capt. Colo. Crane. Major Johnson, Capt. Jackson, Lt.  
Barber. and he thinks, Lt. Mason & Lt. Eaton, were with the  
Troops, where he served; that he received a discharge  
as he now believes, but is lost, by whom it was signed he  
does not recollect - he is known in his present neigh-  
borhood by Walter Whibber & Oliver Chapin & Esq. En-  
sign Pease Jr. Eleazer Clark & Noah Pease, Rev. R. J.  
Dennis who can testify to his character for veracity  
& their belief of his service as a Soldier of the Revolution  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension  
or annuity except the present, & declares that his name  
is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid &  
Ezra Thibault

Asa Willey Judge

We Jabez Collier — residing in said Jarrons &  
Walter Whibber residing in said Jarrons hereby certify that  
we are well acquainted with George Risby of said  
Jarrons, who has subscribed & sworn to the above de-  
claration; that we believe him to be sixty nine years  
of age; that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood  
and where he resides to have been a Soldier of the  
Revolution. & that we concur in that opinion -  
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid -

Jabez Collier  
Walter Whibber

Asa Willey Judge



SERVICE

NUMBER

*Comm.*

*Risley, Levi*

*I. 35619*

*QX # 6407-100 - pt.  
Issued Feb. 5, 1790.  
No papers*

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1175  
Connecticut Roll

Levi Risley 4  
Capt Darrow Private

Connecticut line 1777 years.  
In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of Eight Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1818  
and sent to Hon. Jonathan Brace  
Hartford, Conn.

Arrearages to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1818  
5 4/31 & 4/30 \$42. 9

{ Revolutionary claims, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818, }

Notification sent to  
Thos. Chester Esq 17 Oct 1820

Hartford Ct

State of Conn  
County of Hartford

Levi Plesley of East Hartford in said County  
being duly sworn doth depose & say that he served as  
a private in the revolutionary war for six years in  
the Connecticut line & on the continental establishment.

that he entered the service in the month of  
March 1777 as a private to serve during the war  
& did not leave it until the peace in 1783 when he  
received an honorable discharge at West Point. He  
first belonged to Capt Christophus Barrow's company  
1st Con Regt commanded by Col<sup>o</sup> Jed<sup>o</sup> Huntington  
— afterwards to Capt Seth Benton's company in Col<sup>o</sup>  
Therman's Regt — & afterwards & at the peace he  
belonged to the said Capt. Seth Benton's company in  
the 3rd Con Regt commanded by Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel B.

Hebb —

He further deposes that he is a resident citizen of  
the United States — has never had any person — is  
in reduced circumstances & in need of assistance from  
his country for support —

Levi Plesley

Sworn to & subscribed  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818

Before me  
Jonathan Brace Judge of the County Court for  
the County of Hartford in the State of Connecticut



STATE OF CONNECTICUT, County of HARTFORD,

ss. Special County Court, or Court of Common Pleas, holden by order of the Chief Judge of said Court, on the first Tuesday of August, 1820.

ON this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1820, personally appeared in open Court, the same Court being a Court of record for said County, having the power of fine and imprisonment,

Levi Risley — aged 60 years, resident in East Hartford — in the County of Hartford,

who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: Sentlisted on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1777

into Capt. Christopher Parrours company, 6<sup>th</sup> Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. of Connecticut Militia, and served through the war & was honourably discharged in June 1783. My original declaration March 28<sup>th</sup> 1818 — my pension certificate is No 495.

"And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed."

three dollars & eighty six cents	Levi Risley's schedule of property.
one cow	20.00 Amount brought over 62.16.
one three pail full iron kettle	2.00 Looking glass
one pot	.75 Small table
one dish kettle	.50 Tin pail
one shaker	.34 4 quart tin basons
one frying pan	1.00
slice & tongs	1.50
1 pair antlers	1.12
7 common chairs	4.50
1 old dish	4.00
1 chest	2.00
2 common tables	2.00
6 knives & forks	2.00
4 table spoons	2.25
5 common tea spoons	34
1 wash tub	2.00
4 empty barrels	1.00
2 earthen platters	1.00
12 common table plates	1.25
3 set cups & saucers	1.00
1 tea pot	1.00
1 tea kettle	2.50
1 great spinning wheel	1.00
1 little do	1.00
1 ax	1.00
2 shoats	10.00
1 candle stand	1.00
2 water pails	1.00
4 milk pails	1.00
Amount brought over	62.16.

I Thomas Jones have to the best of my judgment appraised the property of Levi Risley as is above exhibited Aug 11. 1820.  
Thomas Jones  
Hartford County p. Hartford Aug 7. 1820.  
Personally appeared the forsworn made solemn oath that this certificate of appraisal by him subscribed was made according to his best judgment before me.  
Talcott Wolcott Just of Peace

I am by occupation a farming laborer can do about half a man's labor have a wife aged 40 - 4 children viz Levi L - aged 10 years Hilmy A aged 6 years. Adna aged 4 years. Sister aged 2 years & that constitute my whole family - Levi Risley

Sworn to and declared by said Levi Risley — on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1820, before said Court, and it is the opinion of said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is

sixty three dollars and eighty six cents.

I, Thomas Chester  
Clerk of the County Court or Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Hartford aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record of said Court. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court on this 26 day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1820

Th Chester  
Clerk of the County Court or Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Hartford.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Risley, Levi GRADE Private LINE Connecticut

WARRANT NUMBER 6407 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED Feb. 5, 1790  
to — no shown —

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

June 12, 1936

Levi Risley-S.35619  
BA-J/ANF

Mr. William E. Barton, Jr.  
48 Kingswood Road  
West Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Levi Risley of East Hartford, Connecticut.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S. 35619, based upon the service of Levi Risley during the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of this soldier are not given, nor are the names of his parents stated.

Levi Risley enlisted, place not stated, January 1, 1777 and served as a private in Captain Christopher Darrow's company, Colonel Jedediah Huntington's Connecticut regiment, and in Captain Selah Benton's company in Colonel Sherman's Connecticut regiment, and was discharged in June, 1783, then in Colonel Samuel B. Webb's 3rd Connecticut regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 28, 1818, at which time he was aged about fifty-eight years, and living in East Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut.

He referred to his wife (her name not given) in 1800 as 1800, forty years, and to the following children-  
Levi L., aged ten years, Sidney A., aged six years, Anna,



aged four years, and Lister, aged two years.

The papers in this claim contain no further reference to the family of the soldier, Levi Risley.

If you desire information in regard to the last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D.C., and give the following:-

Levi Risley  
Certificate # 475  
Issued May 12, 1818  
Rate \$8.00 per month  
Commenced March 28, 1818  
Act of March 18, 1818  
Connecticut Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

SERVICE

Conn  
Mass

NUMBER

Risley Moses

R. 8839

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State of New York

Onondaga County B On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834

Personally appeared in our Court of Common Pleas,  
by a Court of record for said County Moses Risley  
a resident of said County aged 88 years - who being  
first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath  
make the following declaration in order to obtain  
the provision made by the act of Congress passed  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 -

That he enlisted under Captain Jonathan  
Wells at East Hartford Conn. in March 1777 -  
for six months in Col Wolcott's Reg<sup>t</sup> and marched  
immediately to New London and were stationed  
at Groton. and served the full term of six months  
and received a discharge signed by Captain Wells,  
which has been lost for many years.

That in April 1778 at East Hartford - or  
he believes that was the year - he enlisted under Capt  
Peter Curtis for seven months - Jonathan Roberts  
Lieut - Colonel Enos Regiment and served the  
full term of enlistment. - The troops according  
to this deponent's best recollection marched to  
Norwalk and then to <sup>Windsor at Fairfield & Littleton</sup> ~~Windsor~~  
and then to ~~Windsor~~ <sup>Windsor</sup> - When this deponent was discharged  
having received a discharge signed by Lieut  
Roberts which has been lost having served  
seven months -

On Sept 1779 deponent was called  
out in the Mass Militia under Capt Stephen  
Roberts and marched immediately to New  
London and served there one month  
or more.

Was not engaged in any battles -

"Marched" at "Windsor" at "Fairfield & Littleton" included



Puckskill was burnt while he was there.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever  
to a pension or annuity except the present  
and he declares that his name is not on the  
Pension roll of the Agency of any State - And  
that he has no other testimony to his knowledge  
other than the witnesses hereto annexed. ~~My~~  
~~Letter~~ ~~Clayman~~ ~~relating~~ ~~near~~ ~~me~~ -  
won & subscribed  
in open Court the day  
year aforesaid - The  
said Puckskill making his mark  
on account of old age &  
feeble hands  
Geo Brown Clerk

his  
Mark  
Puckskill

### Interrogatories.

1. Born in East Hartford Conn - 1752
2. Record of age in family bible -
3. Lived at East Hartford Conn. when called into service.
4. Enlisted 2 full years as stated in declaration - and  
was called out in the last - and since moving from  
East Hartford have lived at Vienna Oneida Co  
N.Y. where he now lives.
5. Recollects as officers 1st term - Col Mykles at  
New London - 2<sup>d</sup> term - Puckskill. Capt Pettibone  
Col Smith. Capt Hillman. Gen Putnam.
6. Rec discharge 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> term as stated in declaration
7. Refer to John Parker Esq. Vienna Parker Esq. and  
Jonathan Tamm Esq. of Vienna Oneida Co,  
as a character for truth & veracity -

Now in open Court  
the day & year aforesaid  
L. Brown Clerk

his  
Moses & Risley  
mark

We Andrew Palms and John J. Campbell  
of Virginia Onondaga County, do hereby certify that  
we are well acquainted with Moses Risley  
who has subscribed and sworn to the above  
declaration - That we believe him to be  
about 80 years of age - That he is respected  
and believed in the neighborhood where he  
resides & have been a soldier of the revolution  
and that we concur in that opinion - And  
that he is a man of truth & veracity.

Now and Subscribed  
the day and year aforesaid

Andrew Palms  
John J. Campbell

L. Brown Clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
after the investigation of the matter & after passing  
the interrogatories presented by the War Department  
that the above named applicants were Revolutionary  
Soldiers and served as he states - And that he  
further affirms to them that Andrew Palms  
and John J. Campbell who have signed

November 10, 1939

BA-J/ANF  
Moses Risley  
R. 8839

Mrs. Julia A. Cook  
Blossvale, R.D.1  
New York

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Moses Risley who served with the Connecticut troops, in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow concerning Moses Risley were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, R. 8839, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Moses Risley was born in the year 1752, in East Hartford, Connecticut. The names of his parents are not given.

Moses Risley's residence during the War of the Revolution was in East Hartford, Connecticut, after which he moved to Vienna, Oneida County, New York.

He applied for pension January 9, 1834, then living in Vienna, New York, and alleged that he enlisted in the month of March, 1777, served six months in Captain Jonathan Wells' company, Colonel Wolcott's Connecticut regiment, that he enlisted sometime in April, 1778, served seven or nine months in Captain Peter Curtis' company, Colonel Kno's Connecticut regiment, and that he served in the fall of 1779, about one month in Captain Stephen



Roberts' company of Massachusetts militia.

The claim for pension was not allowed as proof of service as required by the pension law was not furnished.

Allen Risley, brother of the soldier, Moses Risley, was seventy-one years old in 1834, and a resident of New Hartford, Oneida County, New York.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data, and the date of death of Moses Risley is not given.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD

NAME Risley, Richard GRADE Sergeant LINE Sheldon's Dragoons  
(Connecticut)

WARRANT NUMBER 6415 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED Feb. 5, 1790  
To — not shown —

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Comm.

Risley, Richard

823390

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Albany 31.251

Richard Ristley

of Oswego Co. in the State of New York

who was a Sergeant Major in the company

by Captain Stanton of the Regt. H. command

by Col. Sheldon in the Con. line

for 2 years

Enrolled in the Roll for Albany

at the rate of 180 Dollars

to commence on the 4th day of March, 1837.

Certificate of Pension issued the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.

1837 and sent to Pensioner

New Haven, Oswego Co. N. Y.

Amount to the 4th of Sep. 37

1170.00

Some-ant. allowance ending 11.38

90.00

\$1260.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by D. Brown

Clerk

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State of New York  
Adwago county Richard Pufley of the  
Town of New Haven in said  
county being duly sworn deposes and says  
that he belonged to Captain William Stanton's  
company attached to the 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment of Light  
Dragoons commanded by Col Elisha Sheldon for  
about six years and a half in the time of the war of  
the Revolution and that defendant further saith he  
served as sergeant in said company and that his  
compensation for services was fifteen dollars per  
month and the compensation of privates eight  
and two thirds dollars per month and further this  
defendant saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to Richard Pufley  
before me this 23<sup>d</sup> day of  
October 1837

Norman Rowe Justice Peace

To the Honorable Painsett Secy of war

the object of the above affidavit is to show that  
I have not hitherto received the full amount of  
pay due to the same company and Regiment  
as the enclosed certificate will fully show  
if I can be assured the amount Sergeants  
wages please make a certificate accordingly  
and forward me with the same if not  
a certificate for the amount of privates  
wages \$8.25 per month with the arrears  
Oct 23<sup>d</sup> 1837 yours

Respectfully  
Richard Pufley

State of New York;

Orange County

3. On this tenth day of February 1826 personally appeared in open Court (being the Court of Common Pleas for said County and a Court of Record possessing the power of Fine and imprisonment by the Law of this State) Richard Risley resident in said County aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and first of May 1820 that he the said Richard Risley enlisted in to the Arms of the United States for the term of during the war in the month of April 1777 in the State of Connecticut in the Company and Commanded by Capt. William Stanton in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Elisha Sheldon in the line of the State of Connecticut on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until June in the Year 1783 when he was discharged from the service in Danbury in the State of Connecticut that he hereby relinquishing every Claim whatever to a Pension except the present that his name has been placed on the Pension List that his Certificate is dated October 2<sup>d</sup> 1818 and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because that until his sickness in April last he has endeavored by his labor to support himself and Family without the aid of Government but that at the present time he is unable to support himself without the aid of Government or by private or public Charity and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish the same as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities Contracts or debts due to me nor have



I am income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto  
given and by me subscribed

Real Estate I have none in possession  
Reversion or Remainder

Personal Estate as follows

1 Cow 1 Sheep & Lamb 1 old Cherry Table 1 old Canebed stand 1 old Bureau  
1 old Chest 5 old Chairs & Common Chairs 1 old Saw Wheel 1 old  
Foot Wheel 1 old Axe 1 old Hoe 1 Iron pair Kettle 1 Iron Kettle  
1 old Iron Pot 1 small Iron Pot 1 Tin Pail 1 wooden pail 1 Wash Tub  
1 old Chair 2 old Bowls & Tin Pans 6 Knives and Forks & cups & saucers  
1 Tin Pot 1 Cream Cup 1 Sugar Bowl 7 Glass Tumblers 2 Pitchers 3 Quart  
Bowls 3 pint Bowls 6 Tea spoons 6 old Table spoons 1 Cross Cut Saw  
1 Tin Kettle 1 for kind Fire Dogs

That no chances have been made  
in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 except what is included  
in the application of my daily labor for the maintenance of  
myself and Family and except also that I have become in-  
debted to Doctor Fitch of Paris Oneida County in this State for  
medicine and attendance upon myself during a sickness last  
April in said Paris from which place I removed in June last  
to the Town of New Haven in said County of Oswego that my occupation  
is that of a Farmer my Family consists of myself and wife the latter in  
the 44<sup>th</sup> Year of her age and from a fall out of a Wagon the season  
past has ever since been able to do but very little towards her own  
or my support and that my Certificate for a Pension is not num-  
bered

Given and subscribed this

Richard Wesley

8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1824 before me  
in open Court

Joseph Easton Judge  
Oswego County Courts

SERVICE

NUMBER

Comm.

Risley, Samuel  
Stacy Q.

N. 26,369

B.L.Wt. 27587-160-58

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*Ohio Cincinnati*

*Stacy O. Risley -*  
widow of  
*Con Samuel*

who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a *private*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate  
of *45* dollars —  
cents per annum, to commence on  
the 3d February, 1853.

Certificate of Pension issued  
*12<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 1853.  
and sent to

*A. G. Brown*  
*Athens*

*Date of death*  
*not an ab*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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40.903. Act March 3/55  
Staey Affair - 3/55

Henry O. Risley, Major  
Samuel Risley det. French  
Revolutionary War.

Capt  
Col.

Com. ~~Art~~

Col.

Dir

War Revolution

Now a Pensioner of the U. States.

Ref 53-5486

Nov 160 a/c May 16/56  
P.D. W.

*[Signature]*

From A. G. Bunn,  
Athens,  
Ohio

Cir. No. A. G. Bunn Aug 28/55  
Let: " " " " " " " " " " " "

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Ohio

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3<sup>d</sup> April 1838

Samuel Ristley

of Athens in the State of Ohio

who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Forley of the Regiment commanded  
by Col. Wells in the Connecticut  
line for 12 mos

Inscribed on the Roll of Ohio  
at the rate of 40 Dollars ———— Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March  
1835 and sent to Hon Mr Weston  
H of R

Amount to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. 32 \$ 60  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 33. 20

\$ 80

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

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Clerk,

State of Ohio }  
Athens County } Set.

On this 12. day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Samuel Risley, aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7. 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated, that is to say,

That he the said Samuel Risley, at East Hartford State of Connecticut in October 1778, in the latter part of said month, the deponent is not certain as to the day, he entered into the service of his country, in the company of Captain Forley, whose first Lieutenant was named Rollins, and the Ensign was of the name of Hulbert, their first names the Deponent does not recollect: and that he engaged in said company in the room and place of John Gamsey, who had been drafted to guard a division of Burgoyne's army from the State of Massachusetts to New York State. and that the Deponent immediately proceeded with said company to Springfield in said Massachusetts, where we received the troops which we were to convey, and marched with them into the State of New York, to a place called Nine Partners in Dutchess County, where we delivered over the said British troops to a company of Continental troops, and after a few days were discharged and returned: and the Deponent arrived at his home in said East Hartford near the last of November, having been absent on said duty about one month.

The Deponent further states, that on the first day of July 1779, if he rightly remembers, he was drafted, at said East Hartford into the Company commanded by Captain Stanley of said East Hartford, to proceed to New London in Connecticut, for the purpose to guard and protect the Town against the enemy, That he forthwith proceeded on to New London a distance of 40 miles, and was employed in said service in New London, until near the last of August of the same year. The time in which he was drafted the deponent does not remember, but he believes and has no doubt that he actually served, including the time occupied in going and returning to his home, two full months.



The deponent further saith, that on about April 1780, he enlisted into the company of Nathaniel Wally, of Windham Connecticut in the regiment commanded by Col. Levi Wells of Colechester Connecticut; that this enlistment was for nine months, at Woburn where the Lieutenant of the Company William Talcott lived; the name of the ensign was Whiting. The purpose of our enlistment was to go to protect the country around Houseneck, from the depredations of the enemy. That the Deponent immediately joined his said company, and soon after proceeded with the whole of the regiment to which said company belonged, commanded by Col. Levi Wells, and also another regiment commanded by Col. Beebe of Litchfield, to Houseneck. That we arrived, at Greenwich a Houseneck and the said Wells regiment was stationed about 2 miles north of the church at Houseneck; that here the Deponent and his regiment were employed in very active and laborious service in pursuing and capturing the Tory plunderers, commonly called Cow boys.

That sometime in the fall of said year our said regiment was <sup>ordered</sup> by Genl Arnold to Westpoint, and were actually on our march as far as half the distance to West Point, at a place which I think was called Crumpond; here the traveling of Arnold was made known to us; and here we halted until the arrival of Genl Washington from Hartford, who ordered <sup>the regiment</sup> back to its station at Houseneck, that we returned, and remained until November, when a detachment of foot and horse of the enemy, in the latter part of a very dark night, attacked the house where our Colonel and his suite were billeted, and captured and carried away our Colonel and most of our captains and principal officers, 15 in number, to the city of New York. That afterward the remainder of our regiment were removed East to old Greenwich about 8 miles.

The deponent further says, that on the evening of the 6th of December, being sent on with a detachment of his company to reinforce the Picket guard, kept near the church, we fell in with a party of the enemy, who charged our party, and shot down Ebenezer Wilson, one of our company, who died the next day by the same <sup>discharge</sup>. The Deponent was wounded in the knee by a large ball shot which was never extracted, but remained in the body of the deponent to this day, disabling him in a great degree, from the power of performing useful labor. That in consequence of his said wound the deponent, was laid up in the hospital at Stamford where he remained unable to walk until the expiration of the time for which <sup>he was enlisted</sup> was nine months, at which time the Deponent's father conveyed him home to East Hartford, where he lay confined for two or three months, under the care of a physician, and disabled from all labor in consequence of said wound.

That from and after the expiration of his last term of service aforesaid which was January 1st 1781, the deponent lived in said East Hartford, until 1790 performing farming work as <sup>able</sup>.

that he afterward lived 8 years in Simsbury, and 6 years in New Hartford  
Connecticut, engaged in mercantile living: that in 1801 he removed to  
New York State where he lived 15 years at Batavia employed  
in farming, and in making by contract jointly with others about 12 miles  
of the Great Western Road through Onondaga that he then removed  
to Ohio State, and after living a few years in the County of Gallia came  
to Athens in 1827, where he has since lived and still lived with  
his family, gaining a scanty subsistence, on a poor and small tract  
of land, by his own labour and that of his children.

That he was born June 11. 1761 as he has been informed and believing,  
but has not in his possession any authentic record of his birth, but has  
reason to believe such record is to be found in the registry of the East  
congregational church in East Hartford.

That he never had any written discharge, nor has he any  
other documentary evidence: nor does he know of any person  
who can testify of his own knowledge to the defendant said Ser-  
vice.

That in addition to the officers before mentioned, who were  
with or near the troops where the defendant served, he recollects  
Captain Oziel Bissell, and his son Russell Bissell, Ensign, both of the  
same company in our regiment: both taken prisoners with one Colonel  
and his suite as herein before stated - also Lieutenant Root and  
Lieutenant McDowell adjutant of our regiment who deserted  
and was afterward taken and hanged.

and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a  
pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his  
name is not on the pension roll of any State.

sworn to and subscribed the day Samuel Ripley  
and year aforesaid.

Henry Burtell Clerk C.P. Athens County  
We Robert G. Wilson a ~~Chapman~~ residing in Athens County  
aforesaid, and Ebenezer Currier  
residing in the same County.

hereby certify that we  
are well acquainted with Samuel Ripley who has subscribed  
and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 70  
years of age that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood  
where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that  
we concur in that opinion.

sworn and subscribed the year Ebenezer Currier  
and day aforesaid. E. H. Burtell

and the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after  
the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrog-  
atories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named  
applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

and the court further certify that Robert G. Wilson a ~~Chapman~~ residing  
who has signed the preceding certificate, is a ~~Chapman~~ residing  
in the said County of Athens, and that Ebenezer Currier Esquire



STATE OF *Ohio*  
COUNTY OF *Athens*

On this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *April*

Eighteen hundred and fifty *three*

before me, *Probate Judge*

within and for the County and State aforesaid, per

sonally came *Stacy Risley* widow of *Samuel Risley*, a resident of said County, who being duly sworn according to law, makes oath and says, that upon ~~oath~~ *her oath* makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress approved February 3<sup>d</sup> 1853, ~~who has~~ *to wit*

That she is the widow of *Samuel Risley* late of said County, deceased, who was a Private in the Connecticut Militia, in the war of the Revolution and a Pensioner under the Act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That she was married to the said Samuel Risley on or about the *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* *A.D. Eighteen* hundred and *eleven*, ~~what is now~~ *what is now* *Tyler* *Washington* County *Ohio* *Virginia*

That the said Samuel Risley died in said Athens County on the *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *April* 1838.

that she has not since married, but now remains the widow of said Samuel Risley deceased.

Attest *H. F. Brown*

*Stacy* *Risley*  
*her*  
*mark*

~~makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension due~~  
~~under said act of~~  
~~may be applicable, and refers to~~  
~~declaration and the evidence in support of the same, on file in the Pension Office.~~  
~~or other act of Congress which~~  
~~said~~

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, before me.

*J. C. Frost Probate Judge.*



**BRIEF in the case of** *Samuel P. Riley*  
*County of Athens* **in the State of Ohio**  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *71*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
In 17 78 <i>Oct</i>	<i>Substituted</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>drafted</i>	<i>Gen. Torrey</i>
<i>79 July 1<sup>st</sup></i>	—	<i>2</i>	—	<i>sitting</i>	<i>Capt. Stanley</i>
<i>80 Apr. 1<sup>st</sup></i>	—	<i>9</i>	—	<i>Private</i>	<i>Col. Wells, Capt. Miles</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *none*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *C. Hartman - Ct.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *in addition*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Levin Bolt*  
 - Examining Clerk.

40-903

Mr. Stacey O. Risley

From

W. H. Brown

Athens

Ohio

Dec. 57.

The State of Ohio, Athens County, ss.

On this 28th day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me, Probate Judge within and for the County and State aforesaid, Stacy O. Risley aged 73 years, a resident of Athens Township, Athens County, in the State of Ohio, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Samuel Risley, who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain [unclear] in the [unclear] Regiment of Connecticut Troops, commanded by [unclear] in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1776 of the Revolution that he said [unclear] and continued in actual service in said war for the term of nine months and was honorably discharged at [unclear] us will appear by the muster-rolls of his Company, and the evidence filed with his application for a Pension under the Act of June 7, 1832, by which he obtained a Pension at the rate of \$30. per annum. And she further states that she has no means of knowing the particulars and dates of her said husband's service, and she further states that she was married to the said Samuel Risley in Wood County in the State of Virginia, as well as she can now remember, in the month of June about forty years ago, by the Rev. John Smith a Methodist Minister, of which she has no records or written evidence and does not know that any exists, and that her name before her said marriage was Stacy Oliver. That her said husband died at Athens Township in said Athens County, on the 3rd day of April A.D. 1838, and that she is now a widow.

She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the BOUNTY LAND granted by the act passed March 3rd, 1855; and she hereby declares that she has not applied for, or received, and she is not entitled to, Bounty Land, except as above stated, and she believes, and she hereby appoints Hon. A. G. BROWN, of Athens, Ohio, her Attorney to prosecute her claim, and receive her warrant when issued.

Stacy O. Risley

I, A. G. Brown, being fully satisfied that said claimant is the identical person who represents herself as above stated, and I certify that I have no interest in the above claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

A. G. Brown

The State of Ohio, Athens County, ss.

Before me, personally came Joseph S. Kissinger and Mrs. John D. Pratt residents of said Athens County, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, say, that they were present and saw Stacy O. Risley, (by her mark) sign his name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the Applicant, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and who has heretofore received BOUNTY LAND for his services in the war of 1812, and that the said deponents reside in said County of Athens and State of Ohio, and that they are disinterested witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th day of March 1855

N. H. Van Hook

J. S. Kissinger

The State of Ohio, Athens County, ss.

I, J. H. Van Hook, Judge & Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State above mentioned, do hereby certify that I said J. H. Van Hook, whose genuine signature appears above, and was at the time of signing the same, Probate Judge in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and sworn, and that all my official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit; and that the aforesaid Court of Common Pleas is a Court of Record, having general jurisdiction; and I also certify that I have no interest in the result of the case, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office, at Athens in said County, this 28th day of March A. D. 1855

N. H. Van Hook



State of Ohio. Athens County fs.

Before me, personally came James Risley, a resident of Athens Township in said County, whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says, he is the oldest son of the within named Samuel and Stacy O. Risley, that as he is informed and believes he was born on the 29th or last day of February 1816. That his said Father and Mother lived together and were reputed as husband and wife and were, as he believes, from their statements and conduct legally married. That his father the said Samuel Risley died on the 3rd day of April A.D. 1838, as within stated, That he has never heard of and does not know of any words of said marriage, and that he is not pecuniarily interested in the within claim to said land. Sworn to and subscribed before me. James Risley  
this March 28. 1855-

H. H. Dyer  
Probate Judge

The State of Ohio }  
Athens County } ss. Before me Norman Root  
a Justice of the Peace within and for said County,  
personally came Stacy Risley, who being duly  
sworn according to Law. says, that she makes  
this declaration supplemental to her former  
declaration to obtain Pension under the Act  
of February 3<sup>d</sup> 1853, - as the widow of Samuel  
Risley deceased - That she was married  
to said Samuel Risley in Washington  
County ~~Ohio~~ <sup>Virginia</sup> on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1815 or  
1816, by one John Smuggles a Minister of the Gospel  
and that her name before said marriage  
was Stacy Oliver. That when she made  
her said former declaration she supposed  
there was a public record of said marriage  
but she is now informed that such is not  
the fact - She states that she has no private  
record of said marriage and knows of none in  
existence. She refers her former declaration in this case  
to Stacy Risley

John Root  
I have read and subscribed before me the day and year  
above written, and I certify that from my personal  
knowledge of said Stacy Risley which has been of twenty  
years that she is the person who represents herself  
to be, also that I am not interested in the above  
application.

Norman Root, J. P.

Also then came John Steadman  
and William Golden persons whom I verify to be  
respectable and entitled to credit, who being sworn say  
that they were present acquainted with Samuel Staley  
a Revolutionary Pensioner of Athens County Ohio  
and his wife Stacy (now his widow) that they lived  
together as husband and wife, were always so reputed  
and we have not a doubt of the fact. They raised  
a family who now live in this County, that the  
said Samuel died in Athens County Ohio about  
sixteen years since that said Stacy has not since  
married but now remains his widow. They have  
no interest in her application for pension  
John Steadman  
William Golden

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1855

Norman Root, J. D.

The State of Ohio

Athens County

I, Joseph W. Dana Clerk of the  
Court of Common Pleas in and for  
said County, do hereby certify that Norman Root Esq.  
whose genuine signature appears above was at the  
time of taking the foregoing acknowledgment and the  
attestation thereof an acting Justice of the Peace  
within & for said County, duly Elected, Commissioned  
and qualified.

In Testimony whereof I have here-  
unto subscribed my name and  
affixed the seal of said Court  
at Athens this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1855  
Joseph W. Dana Clerk  
By C. M. Brown Deput



Richard Cunningham volunteered, served as a private in Captain George Crawford's Company under Colonel Dunlop in the Pennsylvania Troops, was in the battles of Iron Hill, White Horse, Brandywine, where he received a slight wound in the head, and Germantown and was discharged about ten days after the last named engagement, having served about three months; while on his way home, he enlisted at Lancaster; received a furlough of three months in order to visit his mother, but returned before the expiration of two months and served under Colonel Crawford and General McIntosh; went to Fort McIntosh which place was his headquarters during this service; served as a scout and spy, a part of the time under Captain Brady, and for nine months under James Huston transporting provisions from Pennsylvania and Virginia to Forts Pitt and McIntosh; the entire length of this service was three years; immediately after the expiration of this service, he re-enlisted and served one year under Captain Brady as a spy in the neighborhood of Forts Pitt and McIntosh.

Richard Cunningham was allowed pension on his application executed September 15, 1832, while living at Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio, where, he stated, he had then lived for ten years. Before that time he had resided for twenty-five or thirty years in Warren County, Ohio.

In 1833, he removed to Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, to reside with his son, Francis Cunningham. In 1842, he stated that his son, Francis, died about two years after soldier's removal to Terre Haute to reside with him; soldier's wife was dead and he was then living with a son-in-law in Warren County, Ohio, in which state his other children resided. The name of soldier's wife and the names of his children, other than son, Francis, are not shown and there are no further family data.

.....

Samuel Risley  
W. 36369

Samuel Risley was born June 11, 1761. The place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at East Hartford, Connecticut, Samuel Risley enlisted the latter part of October, 1778, served about one month in Captain Forbes' Company and guarded the soldiers of Burgoyne from Springfield, Massachusetts to Fine Partners, Dutchess County, New York; he enlisted July 1, 1779, served two months in Captain

*Could not find  
not a Capt.  
in Forbes' Co.  
Cannon had  
he may  
have been so used  
that no state*

Stanley's Connecticut Company, went to New London and acted as a guard at that place; he enlisted about April 1, 1780, for nine months, served in Captain Nathaniel Wales' Company, Colonel Levi Wells' Connecticut Regiment, was stationed at Horseneck and was engaged a part of the time against the Cowboys; during this service, Colonel Wells' headquarters was attacked one night and the colonel and nearly all of his officers were captured and carried to New York as prisoners; in another attack, while on picket guard, Samuel Risley received a wound in his knee which rendered him unfit for further military duty. He was taken to the hospital at Stamford where he remained unable to walk until the expiration of the time for which he had enlisted and was then taken to his home by his father.

*Found as in this above.*

*This is stated in the letter*

After the Revolution, Samuel Risley resided in East Hartford, Connecticut, until 1790; afterward lived for five years in Simsbury, and for six years in New Hartford, Connecticut. In 1801, he removed to the state of New York, where he lived for fifteen years at Batavia, during which time, he assisted in making twelve miles of the "Great Western Road through Onondaga". He then removed to the state of Ohio, lived first in Gallia County, that state; then, in 1827, moved to Athens County, Ohio.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832, while residing in Athens County, Ohio.

The soldier married June 11, 1815, 1816 or 1817 (all of these dates are given) Stacy or Stacy Oliver, who was born February 9, 1782. The widow gave three different places of marriage, namely "in what is now Tyler County, Virginia", Washington County, Virginia and Wood County, Virginia.

Soldier's widow, Stacy, was allowed pension on her application executed April 13, 1853, while residing in Athens County, Ohio.

The names of the following children of Samuel and Stacy Risley are shown:

James, the oldest son,	born February 29, 1816- in 1866, was living in Athens County, Ohio.
Samuel, Junior	" March 31, 1818.
Julia S.	" January 7, 1821.
Reason G.	" July 12, 1825.

There are no further family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Risley, Stephen GRADE Private LINE Sheldon's Dragoons  
(Risley) (Connecticut)

In pencil only

WARRANT NUMBER 6389 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED Feb. 5, 1790  
to not shown

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.



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Risley, Stephen  
or  
Risley

S. 43930.

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13.109 Lt

New York

Stephen Piskey

of Smithfield in the state of New York  
who was a Private in the regiment commanded  
Colonel Webb of the Connecticut  
line, for the term of Six Years

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence  
the 11th of April 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 1st of July 1818  
and sent to Peter Smith Esq.  
Peterboro New York

Appears to 4th of Mar 1819 86.36  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending Sep 1819 48.00  
10 Mo.  $\frac{20}{30} \frac{4}{31}$  \$134.36

{ Revolutionary claim,  
Act 18th March, 1818. }

Discontinued under  
Law 1. May 1820

Notifications sent to Mr. Huntington Esq.  
at Peterboro New York  
Sept 1st 1820

He has been informed that the 18th of July 1823, he has received a copy of the certificate of pension made out.

State of New York Madison County ss Stephen  
Risley of Smithfield in the County of Mad-  
ison being duly sworn deposes & says  
that in the Year 1777 he enlisted at East  
Hartford in Connecticut he enlisted for  
during the war into a Company Command-  
ed by Captain Ebenezer Watson in the  
Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel  
J. Webb in the Connecticut line. That  
he served under the said Watson about eigh-  
teen months & he was discharged in the  
Command of said Company by Captain Sam-  
uel Williams to that this depo-  
nent continued under the Command of the  
said Williams in the said Company about  
two Years. That he was then transferred  
into the Regiment & Company commanded  
by Colonel Ebenezer Huntington & that  
this deponent continued in the said Company  
& Regiment untill the close of the war -  
That this deponent was however about  
enough on account of ill health &  
inability to do duty for several months  
previous to & at the time of the discharge  
of his regiment and that his discharge  
was sent to him. That this deponent  
was informed he was entitled to land in  
the western Country. That he sold his  
right to one Peter Holt & to enable him  
to obtain it let him have his discharge  
with a promise to return the same to this  
deponent. That this deponent afterwards called



on said, therefore he told this deponent it  
had been stolen from his portmanteau  
and this deponent believes the same has  
been wholly lost & destroyed

This deponent further says that he is  
in ~~reduced~~ <sup>reduced</sup> circumstances and ~~stands in~~  
<sup>the absolute</sup> need of his country for support

Sworn & Subscribed  
this 11th April 1888  
Before me

Stephen Risley

P. Smith First Judge  
Mad. Cty—

State of New York Madison County ss. Barzillai  
Lair Northrop & John Dorrance of said  
County being duly sworn  
do depose & say, & each for himself says  
he now is, for several years now last past  
has been acquainted with Stephen Risley  
whose affidavit is hereto affixed that the said  
Stephen Risley is & long has been in feeble  
health - That he has a sickly feeble wife  
that they vainly believe he is in such reduced  
circumstances as to need the assistance of his  
country for support

Sworn & Subscribed this  
24 July 1878 before me

Barzillai Northrop  
John Dorrance

P. Smith First Judge  
Mad. County—

State of New York

Madison County On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1823 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid being a court of Record in and for the County of Madison aforesaid Stephen Bisley a resident in said County aged sixty nine years & ten months who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1815 & the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 - That he the said Stephen Bisley enlisted for the term of during the war on or about the twenty third day of March 1776 in the State of Connecticut in the Company commanded by Captain Watson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel B. Webb in the line of the State of Connecticut on the Continental establishment that he continued his service in said Corps until the year 1783 when he was discharged from the said service in Fishkill in the State of New York that his name has been placed



on the pension list and dropped therefrom  
on account of his property.

And in pursuance of the act of the  
first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear  
that I was a resident citizen of the Uni-  
ted States on the 18th day of March 1818  
and that I have not since that time by  
gift sale or in any manner disposed of  
my property or any part thereof with intent  
thereby to diminish it as to bring my-  
self within the provisions of an act of Con-  
gress entitled "An act to provide for  
certain persons engaged in the land and  
naval service of the United States in  
the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18th  
day of March 1818 and that I have not  
nor has any person in trust for me any  
property or securities contracts, or debts due  
to me nor have I any income other than  
what is contained in the schedule here-  
to annexed by me subscribed. I have  
no real estate in law or Equity in possession  
Reversion or Remainder.

Of personal property I own one old mare  
18 years old worth perhaps twenty dollars



One Yearling calf worth five dollars One  
Sow & one sucking Pigs valued at four  
dollars five Sheep valued at five dollars  
one pot & dish Kettle one old cracked  
Spider One old Tea Kettle Six earthen  
plates four quart bowls Six old Knives  
Forks Six iron Spoons Six old chairs two  
earthen platters A pair of Andirons a  
chest of drawers valued at two dollars  
one table worth One dollar Some old  
bangles worth one dollar two pieces of  
chain worth one dollar One shoe and  
Tongs worth one dollar an axe worth  
fifty cents and old hoe worth twenty five  
cents the articles of house hold furniture  
just enumerated and to which no price  
is affixed are worth in all about three  
dollars and Six cents - One wash tub  
worth fifty cents three Milk pails worth  
fifty Six cents 6 cups & saucers 1/6 Total value  
forty four dollars & Six cents -

And I do further swear & declare  
that I am a farmer by profession but  
that I am too old & feeble in health to  
pursue my occupation - I have residing in

my family a wife named Dorcas nearly  
Seventy five years old very infirm & wholly  
unable to labor a hired girl named  
Caroline Mathewson to whom I am under  
agreement to pay forty dollars a year aged  
about Eighteen years & a boy named  
Tobias Van Giles aged fourteen years  
to whom I give four dollars per month  
both myself & wife being unable to con-  
tribute to each others support this kind  
help is necessary to keep us from Starva-  
tion - I till three acres of land belonging  
to Mr Garret Smith to whom I return  
one half of the produce raised on the  
same from which I receive a very scanty  
subsistence - That since the exhibition of  
my first schedule the following changes  
have been made in my property viz

In the year 1881 I purchased a lot  
of One hundred acres of Allen Bile &  
Meriam his wife (the original deed of  
conveyance for which is hereto annexed  
situated in the town of Smithfield  
and County of Madison aforesaid  
then in a mild State subject to a



Mortgage to the State of New York for  
the original purchase money of three  
dollars & fifty three cents per acre as it  
was then estimated & for the payment  
of which purchase money a bond and  
Mortgage had been executed by said  
Bill to the State. And he further saith  
that one half of <sup>the</sup> said one hundred acres  
was conveyed to this declarant in trust  
for his son Stephen Risley Krinier who  
assigned his title therein to William  
Sayles to whom this declarant on the  
~~fourteenth~~ day of March 1806 ——— conveyed  
by deed the one half of said lot on  
account of & for the benefit of his son and  
he further saith that afterwards finding  
myself from declining health and  
other misfortunes unable to pay for  
the land (which on being resurveyed  
proved to contain about fifty four acres  
after deducting the aforesaid one half)  
I gave a deed of the same to Joel Somner  
my son in law on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October  
in the year 1817 who was to take up the



Bonds Mortgage and in consideration  
of some improvements which I had made  
on the land and some small payments  
of Interest the said Joel Somner then &  
there gave me back a life lease of the  
premises on condition of my paying  
him fifteen dollars a year & building  
a house 22 feet by 20 with a Shook upon  
the premises which amount of rent was  
verbally agreed upon between me & said  
Joel but not inserted in <sup>the</sup> said lease but  
after endeavoring to get a livelihood off  
the estate for about four years and finding  
that I could not maintain myself and  
family & pay the rent I sold & transferred  
the lease by delivery only to Stephen  
Bisley Kurion my son in the month of  
May 1820-

And I do solemnly declare  
that I did so sell and assign the said  
lease for the cause just mentioned &  
no other but to enable me to obtain a  
continuance of my pension heretofore  
granted and at the time I made such  
sale I expected to be continued on the  
pension Roll it being after I made my

Statement & declaration for the purpose  
of being continued thereon & before I  
received intelligence that I was dropped  
from the list / In the Spring of 1820  
while I was drawing my pension under  
the act of 1818 I purchased a yoke of cattle  
and a yoke of Steers on credit which  
I inserted in my inventory of 1820 with  
the expectation that I might be able  
to pay for them but after my name  
was stricken off from the pension list  
all resources were cut off and I was  
obliged to sell the said cattle at a  
sacrifice to raise the money which I  
was obligated to pay for them - Of  
the two cows mentioned in the year  
1820 one was killed by lightning in  
April 1821 and the other I sold for  
seventeen bushels of wheat for the  
support of my family which has  
long since been consumed - The Cows  
which I also mentioned in my schedule



of 1820 I was obliged to sell in the fall  
of 1820 for necessities in my family to  
Doctors bills and to pay my hired girls  
Of the sheep there mentioned I sold  
~~ten~~ to Mr Garret Smith about two  
months ago for wheat to support my  
family and five are remaining as  
above mentioned - having had much  
sickness and my wife having been under  
a Doctors care for several years I am  
still indebted to the Doctor in the sum  
of Eighteen dollars fifty seven cents I am  
therefore considerably indebted for necess-  
aries of life - The three heifers mentioned  
in my Inventory of 1820 and also the three  
Sow & Pigs I killed and consumed in  
my family - 1 Bake Kettle broken - The resi-  
due of the sheep not accounted for as above  
I killed and eat up in my family -  
My saddle Bridle and the old plough  
are worn out as also the shod & the pro-  
visions I then inventoried I consumed  
in my family

Stephen Poley -



March 11, 1933.

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Mr. H. F. Sturtevant  
23036 Allor Boulevard  
St. Clair Shores, Michigan

BA-J/ady  
Stephen Risley  
S.43930

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to Stephen Risley, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.43930, based upon the military service of Stephen Risley in that war.

The place of birth and the names of the parents of Stephen Risley are not shown.

Stephen Risley enlisted in East Hartford, Connecticut, about March 23, 1776, or in 1777, served as private in Captains Ebeneser Watson's and Samuel William Williams' Companies, Colonel Samuel B. Webb's Connecticut Regiment and under Lieutenant Roger Welles in Colonel Ebeneser Huntington's Connecticut Regiment; was in the battles of Short Hills, Brandywine, Monmouth, received a gun shot wound through the right leg, was at the taking of Cornwallis and discharged at the close of the war in 1783.

In 1808 he was living in Oazenovia, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 11, 1818 at which time he was a resident of Smithfield, Madison County, New York. On October 7, 1823 soldier was aged sixty-nine years and ten months.

In 1820 soldier's wife, Dorcas, her maiden name not shown, was seventy years old, and his niece, Catharine Vibbert, was fifteen years old.

Soldier's son, Stephen Risley, Jr., was living in 1820, his residence and age not stated.

*Caused not necessary  
Ebeneser Watson's Co.  
was probably James  
who was in the 2d Co.  
1st Cont. Regt. as  
one date of enlistment  
was March 23, 1776  
an Ebenezer Watson's  
that time, not recorded  
in Conn. Books or  
Histories.  
James Webb was Cont.  
from Jan 77 to 1781,  
but was Cont.  
in 1776 + 3rd Cont.  
after Cont. serv. as  
in 1776 + 3rd Cont.  
the Cont. for Webb's  
which was omitted from  
list only.  
MMJH*

In 1817 soldier's son-in-law, Joel Bowmer, his age not stated, was living in Smithfield, New York. The name of the wife of said Joel Bowmer is not designated. There are no further family data.

Soldier died June 24, 1834, place not stated. *On A.B.*

This is the record of the only Stephen Risley, all spellings of the surname searched, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator

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William Paisley

Pres. Rev. War

Act:

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

State of New York } On this first day of September 1832 personally  
the undersigned Clerk of the Court of Sessions for the County of Albany  
William Risley aged eight years residing in the County of Albany  
and State of New York who being particularly sworn according to Law in open Court doth in  
his oath make the following declaration in order to claim the benefit of the Act of  
Congress of March 3rd 1792 -

William Risley being duly sworn deposes & says that he was  
born, as he has good reason to believe, in Country in the  
County of Windham & State of Connecticut, in the year 1764 -  
that soon after the burning of New London one Theodore Risley  
was drafted to serve in the war of the Revolution and the  
said Theodore being in circumstances which rendered it  
altogether inconvenient for him to serve, the said William  
voluntarily offered himself in the place of the said Theodore  
was accepted as a substitute and served as a soldier of  
the Revolution two months in the State of Connecticut  
& vicinity of New London - the name of his Captain was  
Amasaiah Loomis in Colo. McClary's Regiment -

The next year the said William voluntarily enlisted  
in said service, in Asa Lyon's Company in the  
same Regiment aforesaid & served two months in the  
vicinity of Fort Griswold - After this time of service expired  
the said William <sup>again voluntarily took the place of Daniel Doornick who</sup> was drafted for two months & served  
out the full term of two months in Capt. Stephen  
Boisnard's company in the same Regiment & in  
the vicinity of Fort Griswold in Connecticut.

And the said William further deposes & says that after  
the close of the Revolutionary war he resided in the  
State of Connecticut about two years - then removed  
to Long Island in <sup>the State of</sup> New York - where he resided about  
four years - then removed to Bolton in Connecticut  
where he resided about two years - then removed to  
Sollard where he resided about two years - then removed  
to Paris in the County of Oneida & State of New York where  
he resided about twenty years - then removed to Litchfield  
in the County of Herkimer & State of New York where he has  
ever since resided & now resides - and that he is now  
upwards of sixty eight years of age.

never had any written discharge & never held  
a commission - that he has no acquaintances  
existing and knows of no one now serving  
who can testify to his service Except Ethel Palmer  
whose affidavit is hereto annexed and who resides  
in Newfield & County of Herkimer who is very  
infirm and unable to attend Court - That of

Leth Robinson John Ingersoll & Justin Sumner  
are my neighbors & acquaintances and can  
certify as to my reputation & character - and  
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever  
to a pension or annuity except the present  
and declares that his name is not on the  
pension roll of the agency of any state or  
territory whatever -

Sworn & subscribed on the day  
of Jan aforesaid - before me William P. Riley

M. Williams  
Notary Public

We Justin Sumner a Clergyman residing  
in the town of Frankfort County of Hampshire  
and State of New York Leth Robinson and  
John Ingersoll of Litchfield County State of Conn.  
hereby certify that we are well acquainted  
with William Riley who has subscribed  
and sworn to the above declaration and that  
we believe him to be sixty eight years of age  
that he is respected and beloved in the neighborhood  
where he resides to have been a valiant & true  
Revolutionist and that we concur in that  
opinion

Sworn as aforesaid  
before me

M. Williams

Notary Public

John Ingersoll  
Leth Robinson

Justin Sumner



In the matter of the  
application of William  
Riley, for a pension.

12.077

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion,  
after the investigation of the matter, and after putting  
the interrogatories presented by the War Department,  
that the above named applicant was a revolutionary  
soldier and served as he states. And the Court fur-  
ther certifies, that it appears to them that Justin  
Damon, who has signed the preceding certificate, is a  
Luggymen, resident in the town of Frankfort, County of  
Herkimer, and State of New York, and the + Seth Rob-  
ertson & John Ingersoll, who have also signed the same,  
are residents in the town of Litchfield in the County afore-  
said, and are credible persons, and that their statement  
is entitled to credit.

I, James Watson Williams, Clerk of the Court of Chan-  
cery of the State of New York, for  
the Fifth Circuit of the said State,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing  
contains the original proceedings of  
the said Court in the matter of the  
application of William Riley for a  
pension.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal of Office this first day of Septem-  
ber, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

J. Watson Williams.

Clerk in Chancery  
5th Circuit N.Y.

Born in Coventry in the  
county of Windham & state of  
Connecticut - in the year  
1764 - soon after the burning  
of New London one Theodore Rishy  
was drafted to serve in the  
war of the Revolution - and  
it not being in any way convenient  
for him to serve - the <sup>captain</sup> of  
William Rishy offered him <sup>the place of</sup> and  
was accepted & served as a soldier  
of the revolution two months in  
the state of Connecticut in the  
vicinity of New London - ~~this~~  
the name of his captain was  
Amosiah Loomis - in Colo.  
McClary's Regiment -  
the next year after he was  
voluntarily enlisted in said  
service in Asa Lyon's company  
in Colo. <sup>the same</sup> McClary's Regiment  
& served two months in the  
vicinity of Fort Griswold -  
after this he was drafted for two  
months & served out the full  
time in Capt Stephen Brainard  
company in the same regiment  
in the vicinity of Fort Green  
in Connecticut  
served in Con. about 2 years - then  
moved to Long Island & remained about



Westmore County ss Ethel Palmer of Winfield aforesaid  
being duly sworn before John Brownell ss one of the justices  
of the peace of the town of Winfield aforesaid, testifies  
that William Peasey, was a soldier in the Militia  
under Capt. Stephen Brainard, for two months at  
fort Harris in the town of Huston in the County  
of New London State of Connecticut, in the year of  
seventeen hundred and eighty two  
Subscribed and sworn } E. H. Palmer  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832 before me }  
John Brownell ss - Justice of the peace }

1777 New York

14019 William Kinsley

He lived in the State of New York  
he was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Loring of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. M'Clary in the Ct. men  
for 6 mos

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
the rate of 20 Dollars 00 Cents per annum  
commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1 day of May  
1834 and sent to  
Henry Clark M'Clary

Pays to the 1st of March 1833 \$40.00  
Com-m-nt. allowance ending 1st Sept a 10.00

\$50.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. L. Williams Clerk,  
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William Priby  
Herkimer Co. N.Y.

admitted.

6 mo Private.

Thomas Clark,  
Utica, N.Y.



**BRIEF in the case of** *William Pringle*  
**of Herkimer Co. in the State of New York**  
**(Act 7th June, 1892.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *on bench*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *68 yrs*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.		
<i>after the Burning of</i> <i>W. Pringle In 17</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>Private</i>	<i>Capt. Loomis Col. M. C. Ledy</i>
		<i>2</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>Capt. Lyons Col. M. C. Ledy</i>
		<i>2</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>Capt. Pringle " "</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *none*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *W. Pringle Co.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditional evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditional evidence & living witnesses*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?  
*Papers not all ok? as regt?*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Richard L. Ledy*  
**Examining Clerk.**

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Rist, Samuel

R<sup>or</sup>ist,

Rebeckah

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*Vermont*

*Samuel West, alias Roist,*

of *Windham Co* in the State of *Vermont*  
who was a *private* in the *company* commanded  
by Captain *Knapp* of the regiment commanded  
by Colonel *Shepherd* in the *Massachusetts*  
line, for the term of *three years*  
from *January 1777* to to *1780*

Inscribed on the Roll of *Vermont*  
at the rate of *8* Dollars per month, to commence on  
the *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *February 1828*.

Certificate of Pension issued the *6<sup>th</sup>* of *March 1828*  
and sent to *James Elliot Esq*  
*Brattleboro, Vermont*

Arrears to 4th of *Mar. 1828* *\$5. 60*  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending *Sept. 1828* *48. --*

*\$53. 60*

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Acts March, 18, 1818,  
and May 1, 1820.



Vermont

2595

Marple

Richard M. Misk

widow of Samuel Richardson

who was a Private

in the War line

for 2 years

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
89 Dollars a  
Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
3rd day of Nov: 1843  
and sent to

C. W. Mason  
Brookline  
Vt.

[Act of March 3, 1843]

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I Dan. Tenney, Town Clerk of the Town of Sutton in the  
County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, do hereby certify,  
that among the records of Marriages in said Town Clerk's Office there  
is found the following, to wit: Samuel Priest and Rebecca Carpenter  
both of Sutton were joined in Marriage August the twenty third one  
thousand seven hundred and Eighty & Jeremiah Barstow Pastor  
of the Baptist Chh in Sutton

Attest - Dan. Tenney Town Clerk of the Town of Sutton  
And I do further certify that the above is a true copy of the  
record with the exception of the date, which is expressed in the  
record in fair, legible figures, as follows August 23 1780.

I Dan. Tenney, above named, depose and say: that I hold the Office  
of Town Clerk in the Town of Sutton, County & State aforesaid, and that  
the above is a true extract from the record of said Town of Sutton,  
with the exceptions above named, as certified by me.  
State of Massachusetts Attest Dan. Tenney Town Clerk.  
Worcester County do Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1784  
Subscribed and sworn to before me Edw Clarke Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Worcester, do.

I Charles J. Brewster, Register of the Court  
of Probate for the County of Worcester, do certify,  
that Edwards Clarke is a Justice of the Peace  
within and for said County, duly commissioned  
and qualified - and that the above signature of  
his name is true and genuine.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my  
hand and the seal of said Court, this

State of Vermont } On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 personally  
Windsor County } appeared before the Court of Probate, being a Court  
of record within the District of Westminster in the County of Windsor and  
State of Vermont, The Widow Rebecca Rist, a resident of Brookline, in the  
District, County and State aforesaid, aged Eighty years, who being first  
duly sworn, according to law, doth on her Oath make the following  
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the  
Act of Congress, passed July 1<sup>st</sup> 1838 entitled "An Act Granting half pay  
and Pensions to certain Widows". That she is the Widow of Samuel Rist, late  
of Brookline aforesaid deceased, <sup>as she understood</sup> who was a private soldier in the army  
of the Revolution, and that her said husband, according to her best knowledge  
and belief, served on the Continental establishment, in the Massachusetts  
line - that he first enlisted and entered the service about the first of January  
1776 for the term of one year in the Company commanded by Capt. Langens  
in the Regiment commanded by Col. Shepard and he served said year and enlisted  
again, about the first of January 1777 for the term of three years and served in  
the Company commanded by Capt. Knapp in the same Regiment commanded  
by Col. Shepard, being the Mass. Regt., and he served said term of three years,  
and as he verily believes was honorably discharged, and returned home to dwell  
in the County of Windsor in the State of Massachusetts, the place of residence,  
where he entered the service, about the first of January 1780 - she is un-  
able to state the terms thereof which her said husband passed when he went  
to the army or the battles he was in, & his life in service - And she further  
declares that her said husband was placed on the Pension roll of the Vermont  
agency, under the Act of 1818, about the year 1829 - and for proof of the  
Revolutionary services of her said husband, she would refer the Department  
to his Declaration and accompanying proof - and to the rolls of the  
Regiment, all now remaining in the War Department, <sup>she supposes</sup>  
She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel  
Rist on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1780, in the town of Sutton aforesaid - that  
her husband, the aforesaid Samuel Rist, died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1831 that she was not married to him prior to his  
leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first  
day of January 1794 viz, at the time above stated and that she still  
remains the widow of the said Samuel Rist - never having  
been married since his death

Rebecca Rist



I Samuel Rish of Brookline in the County of Middlesex  
and State of Vermont aged fifty two being duly sworn  
deposes and says that I am the son of Samuel Rish a Revolutionary  
soldier late of said Brookline deceased and Rebecca  
Rish his reputed wife and surviving widow, that said Sam-  
uel died on the twenty ninth day of December eighteen hun-  
dred and twenty one, that I was present and saw him expire that even-  
ing of his death she has resided with me and I have not  
known or heard and do not believe she has been married  
since his death, that I believe her statement that she was  
married to said Samuel in December hundred eighty  
to be true. That I have seen her this day living.

Samuel Rish

State of Vermont Windham County SS Brookline 26 Sept 1838  
Here personally appeared Samuel Rish did make  
oath that the above affidavit by him subscribed is true  
Signed in David L. Putnam Justice of the Peace

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I Lydia Rish of Brookline in the County of Windham & State  
of Vermont of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says  
that my grandfather Samuel Rish died in December eighteen  
hundred and twenty one that I was present and saw him expire  
that my grandmother his reputed wife and surviving widow  
Rebecca Rish whom I have seen this day living I  
have never known or heard and do not believe has been  
married since his death, that from my earliest recollection  
until his death she was his reputed wife Lydia Rish

# STATE OF VERMONT.

COUNTY OF WINDHAM SS.—At the *Supreme Court*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

begun and held at New-Fane, within and for the County of Windham, on the *third Tuesday next after the 4th*

Present—

Hon. *Richard Skinner*  
Hon. *Samuel Prentiss*  
Hon. *Titus Hutchinson*

Esq. Chief Judge.  
Esq's. Assistant Judges.

On this *fourteenth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and State of Vermont—proceeding according to the course of the common law;—with a civil jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings; and having the power of fine and imprisonment:—

*Samuel Rist*,  
who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820,—That he, the said *Samuel Rist*  
day of *January* in the year *1776* in the State of *Massachusetts*  
in the Regiment commanded by Colonel *Joseph Read*,  
that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the first of *January 1777*.

personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, within and for the County of Windham,  
resident in *Brookline* in said county of Windham, aged *69* years;  
enlisted for the term of *One Year* on the first  
in the Company commanded by Captain *Aggrey*  
in the line of the State of *Massachusetts* on the Continental establishment:  
when he was discharged from the said service, in a place called *Pekskill* in

the State of *New York*, that he *has been placed on the pension list, and kept therefrom on account of the property immediately enlisted again for the term of*  
And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do hereby swear—that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818—And that I have not, since that time,

by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818. And that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me: nor have I any income *other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me submitted.* nor

*can I render any—*

## Schedule of real and personal Estate---necessary clothing and bedding excepted.

*I have no property real or personal, except a scanty supply of necessary clothing and bedding. And that I have not had any property, or but very little, for many years past. And for the last twelve or fourteen years, I have been dependent on others for support, being the whole of that time in feeble health. And the greater part of the time, as informed by my friends, was, by an afflictive dispensation of Providence, in a state of mental derangement—but by the blessing of Heaven, have for several months past been gaining of that sore visitation—so that I am now blessed with tolerably sound mind and memory, for a person of my years. The reason of my not at before applying for a Pension*

*was, that my deranged state of mind rendered me incapable of applying for that bounty which the liberality of my government had provided for the poor and indigent Revolutionary Soldiers.*

That, since the exhibition of my first Schedule, the following changes have been made in my property:—

Names of persons to whom sold

Time of sale

Amount of money, or description of property received in return



was, that my deranged state of mind rendered me incapable of applying for that bounty which the liberality of my government had provided for the poor and insigent Rev<sup>d</sup>. Soldiers-

That, since the exhibition of my first Schedule, the following changes have been made in my property-

Names of persons to whom sold

Time of sale

Amount of money, or description of property received, for same

And I do also swear—that my occupation is that of a Farmer, tho' now wholly unable to perform any manual labour. And have a wife, Rebecca, aged nearly seventy years—

SWORN to, and declared, in open Court, on the fourteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord one Thousand and Twenty eight. [Meaning 1828.] Samuel Rist-

Sworn to in open Court this 14th day of February A.D. 1828. By order of Court Ja<sup>s</sup> Elliot Clerk

James Elliot, Clerk of the County Court for the County of Windham, in the State of Vermont, do hereby certify, that the foregoing oath, and the Schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the files and records of the said Court: And I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said Court, that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is — That said Rist. doth not have any property left.

IN testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court, in open Court, on this fourteenth day of February A.D. 1828. James Elliot, Clerk of the Court for the County of Windham.



Md.

Rister, Gadock  
or Riston

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*Riston, Gadock*  
*or Rister*

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Certificate sent to the Pensioner, 12. Oct. 1820.  
 Upper Marlborough, 10. 11. 1819.  
 Duplicate certificate if from an Adjutant to Pensioner, 11. Nov. 1819. and in receipt of 10. 11. 1819.

From 10. 21. 6  
 Maryland.  
 to D. Col.

Zaddock Riston,  
 of <sup>City</sup> Prince George in the state of Maryland,  
 who was a <sup>Private</sup> in the regiment commanded by  
 Colonel Gunby, of the Maryland  
 line, for the term of 21 months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Maryland,  
 at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on  
 the 18. of April, 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 1819.  
 and sent to Edmund Key, Judge  
 Upper Marlborough, Maryland.

Arrears to 4th of March, 1819. . . 84.50.

Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4. Sept. 1819. 48 ..

10 mo.  $\frac{13.}{30}$  }  
 8  $\frac{4}{31}$  }  
 1819. \$:132.50

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
 { Act 18th March, 1818. }

To 1788

Continued, 25

Sept. 1820.



Maryland Prince Georges County &c.

Be it remimbered that on this eighteenth day of  
April eighteenth hundred & eighteen before  
me the subscriber an Associate Judge for  
the first judicial District comprising  
the counties of St. Marys Charles & Prince  
Georges personally appeared by adock  
Piston aged sixty two years or thereabouts  
& being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists  
of Almighty God deponent & saith that he en-  
-listed as a common soldier in March sev-  
-enteen hundred hundred & twenty seven with  
Lieutenant Benjamin Brooke in the Third Mary-  
-land regiment & was attached at first to Tom-  
-blwoods regiment & afterwards for a short time  
to Mcginnis regiment & was discharged in March  
seventeen hundred & eighty. That he enlisted again  
on the twenty second day of August seventeen hundred  
& eighty one with the same Benjamin Brooke  
then a Captain in the Third Maryland regim-  
-ent - was detached westward in eighty three  
- was marched to Bedford & thence to Fort Pitt  
in eighty three to Frederick Town in Maryland  
& there discharged in the fall of the same  
Year

That he was engaged in the Battles at Brandy -  
-wine & Brunswick & that he is poor & stands in need  
of the assistance of his Country for support  
Sworn to & declared before me this day & year aforesaid.

Edmund Key  
I Edmund Key Associate Judge &c as aforesaid  
do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the  
said Zadock Riston did serve in the revolutionary  
war as stated in the preceding declaration against  
the common enemy for the term of nine months  
on the continental establishment - and I transmit  
the proceedings & testimony taken & had before me  
to the Secretary for the Department of War pursu-  
-ant to the directions of the Act of Congress of the United  
States entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons  
engaged in the land and naval service of the United  
States in the revolutionary war" pursuant to the direc-  
-tions of the aforementioned Act of Congress

Edmund Key  
April 18th 1848

Turn over



State of Maryland

First Judicial District City  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1820 personally  
appeared in open court being a court of  
record constituted such by an act of the  
State Legislature and having unlimited  
original jurisdiction within the district  
with the power to fine and imprison -  
Zadock Riston of Prince Georges county one  
of the counties included in the district aged  
nearly four years or thereabouts, a resident of  
said county who being first duly sworn  
according to law doth on his oath declare  
that he served in the revolutionary war  
as follows - that in the year 1777 he entered  
in a company commanded by Capt. Benjamin  
Brooks in the Town of Upper Marlboro  
the term of three years and at the expiration  
of the period of enlistment he was discharged  
and in the year 1781 he again enlisted  
under the same Captain when company  
was a part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Regiment  
commanded by the British by Lt. Genl.  
that he was at the battle of Brandywine  
Bantam, & Paoli; that he made his first  
application for a pension under the law of  
the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 1818  
and that his pension certificate is Number  
10,216 - And I do solemnly declare that I was  
a resident citizen of the United States on the  
18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and that I have not, since  
that time by gift, sale or in any manner dis-  
posed of my property, or any part thereof with  
intent thereby to diminish it as to bring  
myself within the provision of an act of  
Congress entitled "An act to provide for  
certain persons engaged in the land and



naval service of the United States, in the  
revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March  
1818; and that I have not, nor has any person  
in trust for me, any property, or security, contracts  
or debts, due to me nor have I any income  
other than what is contained in the Schedule  
hereto annexed any by me subscribed

Schedule  
one horse - one sow and eight shoats  
two sheep - that there are no debts due  
to him & that he is indebted about  
twenty dollars - that he rents a small  
piece of land - that he has three grand  
children whom he has sent away and  
left them with him, and that he has  
one daughter, who as well as they are  
able to assist him to work the land he  
rents

Zadock Briston  
mark

Test  
W. Johnson

Sworn to and declared on the  
14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 before the  
Subscribes the Chief Judge of the first  
district of Maryland

W. Johnson

I Aquila Beall Clerk of Prince  
George's county court do hereby certify that  
the foregoing oath and the Schedule thereto  
annexed are truly copied from the records  
of said court; and I do further certify that  
it is the opinion of the said court, that the  
total amount in value of the property  
as listed in the aforesaid Schedule is  
twenty dollars - In testimony whereof

I have hereto subscribed my  
Name and affixed these above  
of Prince George's County Court  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820.  
Aquila Beall Clerk

# APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER.

County of *Washington* ss.

On this *thirteenth* day of *March* 182*7*, before me, the subscriber, a <sup>Notary Public</sup> Justice of the Peace for the said county of *aforesaid* personally appeared *Judock Rister* who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain *Benjamin Dicks* in the regiment commanded by Colonel *Wm D Bull* in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of *Maryland* from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State (District, or Territory,) of *District of Columbia* where he intends to remain, and wishes his Pension to be there payable, in future; and that his reasons for removing to the State of *District of Columbia* is *for the convenience it will afford him of drawing his pension where his relatives reside.*

Sworn and subscribed to, before me, the day and year aforesaid.

*Henry Whetstone*  
Notary Public

*Judock Rister*  
his Mark

NOTES.—The oath to be taken before a duly qualified Magistrate, whose official character and signature must be proved by the certificate of the proper officer, setting forth that the person taking the testimony is a Justice of the Peace, Judge, or Notary Public, as the case may be, and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

The Pensioner's oath must be supported by the evidence of another person as to identity. The person must swear that he well knows him to be the same person described in the above affidavit. The Magistrate must certify that the deponent is a person of veracity. This oath must also have the authentication as above required.

*\* This is done by Rister*

New York.

Ritcher, Nicholas

S. 27.372

or

Rector.

or

✓ Richter.



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*Ritchey, Jacob*

*S. 4097*

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Ohio Pittsburgh 22 4 00.

Jacob Kitchey.

of Harrison Co in the State of Ohio  
who was a Private. in the Co. commanded  
by Captain Patterson of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Lewis in the Penna.  
line for 6 mo. & 10 days.

Inscribed on the Roll of Ohio Pitts.  
at the rate of 20 Dollars 67 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 25 day of Oct.  
1838 and sent to C.  
Dewey, Cadiz, Hb. Ohio.

Arrears to the 1st of Sept. 1832. \$1.67  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 cl. 34. 10.33

\$12.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Oct June 7, 1832. }

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Order to pay 18 Oct 1837.  
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*Rev War*

409<sup>th</sup>  
INVALID.

File No. 4097

*Jacob Ritchey*  
*Brit Rev War*

Act: *June 7* 1852

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[Arrangement of 1870.]



Declaration in order to obtaining the benefit of the  
Act of Congress passed June 7. 1832.

State of Ohio }  
County of Hamilton } On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1833,

personally appeared in open Court,  
before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas,  
now sitting, Jacob Kitchey, a resident of  
the Town Ship of Ascher in said County &  
State, a good man of law years, who being  
first duly sworn according to law doth on  
his oath make the following declaration,  
in order to obtain the benefit of the Act  
of Congress passed June 7. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United  
States under the following named officers  
& served as herein after stated.

He entered the service the first time of Bucks  
County, Pennsylvania, as a volunteer, <sup>for three months</sup>  
a company of foot of which Nicholas Patterson  
was Captain, Moses Kelley 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant,  
Thomas Ramsey 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant & Wm.  
Mears was the ensign. The Regiment was  
commanded by Col. Arthur Brown & the  
Brigade by Gen. Robert Lee. He volunteered  
entered the service on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July  
1776. He marched with his company, soon  
after, to Trenton in New Jersey; thence through  
Princeton & Brunswick to Amboy. The troops  
with which he served continued to be stationed  
at Amboy. He continued to serve with them until  
the term for which he volunteered, three months,  
expired, which was on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October  
1776. The British troops were in the neighborhood  
of Amboy during the whole time of his contin-  
uance there. He thinks there were no regular  
troops at Amboy, but is under the impression  
that Gen. Mearns was sometimes there.

In the year 1777 he thinks, in the fore part of  
November he was drafted at said Bucks  
County for the term of six weeks into a  
company of foot, commanded by Captain  
Mullinger. The Lieutenant was Jacob Weir,  
and the Major in the Battalion was Cougel.

the other officers names he cannot remember.  
He marched shortly after with his Company to  
Sherrod's Ferry, where they <sup>met</sup> some of the troops  
that had been taken with Gen. Binswange &  
guarded them across the country towards  
Lawney Town. When they come to some large  
river, he thinks the Susquehanna, they  
were relieved by other troops & were discharged  
about the middle of December. He served  
in this last tour, one month & nine days.  
In September 1778 (but he cannot recollect the  
day of the month) he was drafted again at  
said Bucks County for two months & served  
under Captain John Stout, Lieutenant John  
McCannon & Col. Andrew Keeler. They  
encamped at Newtown, & remained there  
a few days & were then marched across  
the Delaware river to Trenton. They contin-  
ued at the latter place for some time &  
then were marched back again to Newtown  
where they remained for a few days longer  
& were discharged; he having served, in  
this last tour, the whole period of two  
months <sup>or</sup> high by was drafted, waiting  
only three <sup>or</sup> ~~days~~ <sup>days</sup>. The whole period of his service  
in the three tours above mentioned was six  
months & six days. There were no regular  
troops with them either time, that he now  
recollects, nor was he in any engagements.  
He receives <sup>written</sup> no discharge that he can remem-  
ber. He has no documentary evidence & knows  
of no person living, whose testimony he can  
procure, who can testify to his service.  
He hereby relinquishes every claim, whole or in  
part, or annuity except the present, & declares  
that his name is not on the Pension roll  
of the Agency of any State.  
And in answer to the interrogatories put by  
the Court, he states,

1st He was born <sup>about</sup> the year 1756 at Bucks County, Pennsylvania  
2nd He has no record of his age.

3rd When called into service he lived in said Bucks  
County, Pennsylvania. He continued to live in that  
State till 1814, since which time he has lived in Harrison County, Ohio.



4th The first time he was called into service he volunteered, the other two times he was drafted.

5th The answer to this interrogatory he has given in the body of his declaration as fully as his memory will permit.

6th He never received any written discharge that he can recollect.

7th He states the names of the following persons who reside in his neighborhood, who are acquainted with him & who can testify to his character for veracity, & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution, to wit Ralph Atkinson & James Deane. He further states that there is no Clergyman residing in his neighborhood, whom he is known or whose certificate he can obtain.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open Court

Attest Wm. Tingley, clerk

Isaac Ritchey

We Ralph Atkinson James Deane residing in the County of Harrison, Ohio, in the neighborhood of the above named applicant, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Isaac Ritchey who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be twenty seven years of age, that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution, & that we concur in that opinion. Sworn & subscribed the James Deane day by us aforesaid. Ralph Atkinson

in open Court Wm. Tingley, clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare this opinion after the investigation of the matter, & after putting the interrogatories propounded by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and Soldier as he testifies. And the Court further state certifies that it appears to them that Ralph Atkinson & James Deane who have signed the preceding certificate are residents in the County of Harrison, Ohio, & are credible persons, & that their statement is entitled to credit. Witness my hand the day & Year above mentioned

Wm. Tingley Clerk of said Court



The state of Ohio 3 of  
Harrison County 3 of



I William Tingley Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said Harrison County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Jacob Ritchey for a pension.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office, being the seal of said Court this 4th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three. William Tingley Clerk.

Jacob Ritchey

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Harrison Bush  
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**Pension Office.**

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus:  $\}$ ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

**A Statement, shewing the Service of Jacob Ritchey**

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
25 July 1776		3.		priv	Cap. Patterson	77. years	Traditionary
1777		1	9.		Col Irwin	Bluebs	
					Cap. Melinger	Co. Pa	
Sept. — 1778		25			Cap. Stout		
					Col Keelin		

Your obedient servant,

**Commissioner of Pensions.**



## REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:

This law has been construed to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and to include under the terms "Continental Line," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons enlisted, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c., Teamsters, Boatmen, &c. Persons who served on board of private armed vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval Service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will, in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered a Court of Record.

## DECLARATION,

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.  
County of }

On this            day of            personally appeared (a) before  
A. B. a resident (b) of            in the county of            and State, Territory or District  
of            aged (c)            years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the  
following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed  
June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d)            , with            and  
served in the            (e) regiment of the            line, under the following named officers:

[Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers; the time he left the service; (and if he served under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and names of his officers;) the town or county and state in which he resided when he entered the service; the battles, if any, in which he was engaged, and the country through which he marched. (u) This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.]

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A. B.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I            of the Court of  
do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of  
the application of            for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this  
day of            &c.

If, on examination of the proper record, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia, except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in the            and C. D. residing in (the same)  
hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with            , who has  
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be  
years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier  
of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the days and year aforesaid.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman, resident in the            and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the            and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I,            Clerk of the Court of            do hereby certify that the foregoing  
contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of            for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
of office, this            day of            &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commission; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light upon the transaction.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration, (l) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his

alleged service, as they are known at the Department. A very full account of the services of each person will be indispensable to a favorable action upon his case. The facts stated will afford one of the principal means of corroborating the declaration of the applicant, if true, or of detecting the imposition, if one be attempted; and unless, therefore, these are amply and clearly set forth, no favorable decision can be expected. All applicants will appear before some Court of Record in the County in which they reside, and there subscribe and be sworn to, one of the declarations above provided, according to the nature of his case.

The Court will propound the following (m) interrogatories to all applicants for a pension, on account of service in the Militia, State troops, or Volunteers, except the Militia of New Hampshire and the State troops of Virginia.

1. Where and in what year were you born?
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.
6. 

{	To a Soldier.	{	Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
{	To an Officer.	{	Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The Court will see that the answers to these questions are embodied in the declaration, and they are requested to annex their opinions of the truth of the statement of the applicant.

The applicant will further produce in Court, if the same can be done, in the opinion of the Court, without too much expense and inconvenience to him, two respectable persons—one of whom should be the nearest clergyman, if one lives in the immediate vicinity of such applicant, who can testify, from their acquaintance with him, that they believe he is of the age he represents, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary soldier, and that they concur in that opinion. If one of these persons is a Clergyman, the Court will so certify, and they will also certify to the character and standing of other persons giving such certificates.

The traditional evidence of service is deemed very important, in the absence of any direct proof, except the declaration of the party. And the Courts are requested to be very particular in the inquiry whether the belief is general, and whether any doubts have ever existed upon the subject.

Applicants unable to appear in Court, by reason of bodily infirmity, may make the declaration before required, and submit to the examination, before a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record of the proper county, and the Judge or Justice will execute the duties, which the Court is herein requested to perform, and will also certify that the applicant cannot, from bodily infirmity, attend the Court.

Whenever any official act is required to be done by a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or by a Justice of the Peace, the certificate of the Secretary of State or Territory, or of the proper Clerk of the Court or County, under his seal of office, will be annexed, stating that such person is a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or a Justice of the Peace, and that the signature annexed is his genuine signature.

No payments can be made on account of the services of any person, who may have died before the taking effect of the act of June 7, 1832; and in case of death subsequent thereto, and before the declaration herein required is made, the parties interested will transmit such evidence as they can procure, taken and authenticated before a Court of Record, showing the services of the deceased, the period of his death, the opinion of the neighborhood respecting such services, the title of the claimant, and the opinion of the Court upon the whole matter.

(a) The declarant must appear in open Court, unless prevented from doing so by reason of bodily infirmity; in which case the declarant will file the rule laid down for his guidance.

(b) The declarant must make his declaration in the county where he resides. If he should fail to do so, he must assign a sufficient reason for not conforming to the rule.

(c) The age of the claimant must invariably be mentioned.

(d) The declarant must mention the period or periods of the war when he served.

(e) Every continental officer or soldier must give the name of the Colonel under whom he served; otherwise a satisfactory examination of the claim cannot be had. Every claimant must state, with precision, the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the Department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, depose and say, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:—For \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ months, and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ months and \_\_\_\_\_ days, I served as a \_\_\_\_\_; and for each service I claim a pension."

It is important, in all cases, to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months*, is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable. Some persons who apply for pensions merely state that they served two years in the militia, &c. without specifying the years, the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. This form of a declaration is highly objectionable. It must, in every case, be clearly shown under what officers the applicant served; the duration of each term of engagement; the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison; and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

(f) The law makes the relinquishment indispensable.

(g) The opinion of the Court is always required.

(h) The Clerk must give his certificate in every case.

(i) The Clerk must fix his seal, and if it has no device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal, or if he has no public seal of office, the certificate of a Member of Congress, proving the official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

#### Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other papers authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

#### Proof of Service.

(j) In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimant's entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the Regiment, Company, and time to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the official character and signature of the magistrate must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

(k) The notes from (a) to (i) are all equally applicable to the cases of Militia men, Volunteers and State Troops. The proof required by rule is not (j) applies to continental troops only.

(l) This traditional evidence is indispensable in militia cases.

(m) If a witness cannot be found, the declarant must state the fact.

(n) The answers to the interrogatories must all be written, and sent to the War Department, with the declaration.



N. H.

or Ritchey, James  
Richey

R. 8782

Abigail



SERVICE

NUMBER

N. C.

Ritchey John  
or  
Richey

S. 9058

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Carded

Ref'd to cert.  
by letter 1826.

1845.

Let H. J. L. Orr, Aug 25/52

A. C. Garling, June 22, 1855

23.905.

# South Carolina

John Richey

of Pickens in the State of S. Carolina

who was a private in the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded

by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ of the Regt: commanded

by Col: Davis in the S. Carolina

line for 12 Months,

Reduced from \$56.66 per annum,

Inscribed on the Roll of Charley, Tenn

at the rate of 10 - Dollars - Cents per annum,

to commence on the 1st day of March, ~~1835~~ 1835 -

Certificate of Pension issued the 29. day of

Sept: 1845 and sent to Wiley M.

Norton, Pickens, C. H. S. C.

Amount to the 1st of Sept: 1845 \$420.00

Semi-annual allowance ending 1st Mar: 20.00

\$440.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. M. H. Clerk,

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John Richey Nov 18'04

Records corrected

State of South Carolina  
Pickens District

On this Eighth day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John S. Richardson in open Court, John Richey a resident of Pickens District in the State of South Carolina, aged seventy four years (to the best of his recollection) his age is not recorded as he knows of, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June 1832. That he turned out Volunteer at a Regimental Parade at Charlotte in Mecklenburg County N. C. in the fall of the year 1779 with Genl Davidson and marched to Camden South Carolina and lay at Camden except when the Tories would break out some place and was called out, he was under Command of Capt Osburn Maj<sup>r</sup> Grymes and Col Davy and served Nine months under those Officers we were marched near to Georgetown S. C. where we got near the Tories and ~~they~~ had fled, we then returned back near Camden when his term was out. He then volunteered his services Three months more under Col Davy. Maj<sup>r</sup> Grymes and Capt David Skant and continued in the service except two weeks for which he got a furlow to go home to get his cloths and return which he did, he lay there, except at such times as he was called off to subdue the Tories. we then left Camden to go back to Charlotte N. C. where we heard the Tories was doing much damage in the country they heard of us coming and fled we encamped near Charlotte some time when his term of service expired. He then volunteered Three months more under the same Col and Maj<sup>r</sup> and Capt Charles Pote. The British took the town of Charlotte and made their barracks there. They then crossed the Catowba at the town and went up the River the opposite side to us to the Island Ford on the River where the British were crossing the River fired on us and Genl Davidson was killed we gave them a fire and then retreated and come back to Charlotte where Genl Rutherford took



command. His time was out and had been for some time. He then volunteered again for Six months under Col. Day. Maj. Grymes and Capt. Orr. was then marched to Guilford in pursuit of the British but did not overtake them; then we were ordered to go to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) where the British and Tories had emboldened below Cross Creek where we gave them a two fire and they gave one, and then retreated we persuaded them to Wilmington, we had several skirmishes before they got there and they embarked on the shipping and we lay seven days at the River the enemy having taken up the drawbridge, at the end of that time Col. White with forty men crossed the River below and surprised the guard and they then fixed the Bridge and by light the next morning we were in the Town. We remained seven days in the Town afterwards we marched down to ward the South East corner of the State against the Tories and British who were doing mischief - His term of service expired when he was near Cross Creek the news had come of the Capture of Cornwallis at York Town; but for which we would have continued on to join the Northern Army under Washington - He did all his services as a private and was upward of two years continuously in the Army as a Volunteer! His recollection has failed much but he knows he was not at home at any time but a few days and then only to get his clothes for upwards of two years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a Pension or bounty except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

(I was no witness now living as he knows of)

1 He was born in Mecklenburg County near Charlotte C. H. N. C. in the year 1759 about 15<sup>th</sup> May

2 He has no record of his age, but often heard his age from his Father & Mother and the family, they could write but did not keep any record of his Children's ages

3 He was living near Charlotte when he volunteered

his services, when he quit the army he returned back to his Father, where he remained near 20 years. Then he moved to French Broad in Buncomb County and there he remained three years. from there he moved to this this State in Pickens District in the year 1802 where he has remained ever since

4 He was a Volunteer

5 He has mentioned all the regular Officers which he recollects to have seen

6 He received four discharges, of which he lost in moving from Mecklenburg to French Broad there was three signed by Genl Davidson for the three first terms of his services. and one signed by Genl Rutherford for the six months service

7 He is well acquainted with Col McKimney who now commands the Regt of Militia he lives in, also Capt Col J<sup>r</sup> McKimney who commands the first Battalion Major James McKimney Col Joseph Norton who did command Col McKimneys Regt Joseph Gisham Jacob Cape heart Revd Stephen Ellis

William L. Smith C.C.

John <sup>his</sup> Pickens  
mark

We Jacob Lewis a Clergyman, residing in the District of Pickens S.C. and Jephtha Norton residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Pickens who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy four years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and we concur in that opinion.

Jacob Lewis

Jephtha Norton

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

William L. Smith C.C.

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SERVICE

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*Ritchey, Peter*  
*or*  
*Richy*

*S. 32478*

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Arkansas. 22060  
West Tennessee

Peter Richy  
of Louisiana in the State of Tennessee  
who was a private in the 1st command  
by Captain Jones of the 1st command  
by " in the 1st command  
line for 1 year

Inscribed on the Roll of West Tennessee  
at the rate of 40 Dollars per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10 day of Sept  
1834 and 1835  
J. Charles - Garrison  
bears to the 1st of Sept 1834  
Pension allowance ending March 20 1835

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *Sam Boyd* Clerk  
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Let to Hm W. C. Dimick, Dec  
30. 1835.

Letter to Hon J. K. Polk 29 July 1839  
Letter to 3rd Auditor 10 Dec 1839

Duplicate certificate issued  
12 Dec 1839 and sent to Hon  
M. S. Fulton Senate U. S.

Letter to 3rd Auditor 12 Dec 1839

Paid at the measure under  
the Act of March 1838  
from 4 Sep 1836 to 4 March  
1839. A gto notified 10 Dec 39

Let to Pen Act 28 Dec 1839

To Arkansas from 4 March  
1839. - 24 Feb. 1840 Notified  
to Hon W. S. Fulton  
Senate U. S.

Letter to Hon W. S. Fulton 25  
March 1842

**BRIEF in the case of** *Peter Richy,*  
*County of Jackson,* **in the State of Tennessee.**  
**(Act 7th June, 1839.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *A Court.*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *72 years.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Col.</i> <i>In 17 not stated.</i>		<i>3.</i>		<i>pr.</i>	Gen. <i>Rutherford,</i> <i>Capt. John Bar-</i> <i>ringer,</i>
<i>Drayton, not stated.</i>		<i>3.</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>Capt. John Fifer</i>
<i>"</i>		<i>3.</i>		<i>Asubsti-</i> <i>tute.</i>	
<i>"</i>		<i>3.</i>		<i>Pr.</i>	Gen. <i>Gates,</i> <i>Capt. Beamer.</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *None.*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Mecklenburg County, N. C.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditionary.*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *Not properly attested.*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*W. A. Turner,* Examining Clerk.

# APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER.

State of Arkansas  
County of *Sevier*

83.

On this *Tenth* day of *June* 1839,  
before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of  
*Sevier* personally appeared *Peter Ritchie*

who, on his oath, declares that he is the same  
person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain  
*Beard* in the Regiment commanded by Colonel  
(as I think) *Stiffer* in the service of the United States; that  
his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of *Tennessee*  
from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State (District,  
or Territory,) of *Arkansas* where he intends to  
remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future. The follow-  
ing are his reasons for removing from *Tennessee*

to *Arkansas* - that he resides and has resided with his  
son *James Ritchie* who made the removal to *Arkansas*  
& Peter the father being old & infirm accompanied  
him in order to be taken care of - *his*

Sworn and subscribed to before me, }  
the day and year aforesaid. }

*Peter Ritchie*  
mark

*Walter Scott J.P.*

The oath to be taken before a duly qualified Magistrate, whose official character and signature must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office. The County Clerk, Secretary of State, or some other officer, must certify, under his seal of office, that the officer who administered the oath is a Justice of the Peace, Judge, Mayor, Alderman, or Notary Public, as the case may be, and that the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

The oath must be supported by the testimony of some respectable person, as to the pensioner's identity. He must swear that the person who has taken the above oath is the person described in the affidavit. The Magistrate must certify that the witness is a person of veracity; and the affidavit must also be authenticated in the manner above directed.

I hereby certify that *Peter Ritchie* who made the above  
affidavit is a respectable citizen and his oath is entitled  
to full faith and credit. Given under my hand this  
*10<sup>th</sup> of June 1839*

*Walter Scott J.P.*



State of Tennessee  October Term 1832  
Jackson Circuit Court

On this 6 day of October 1832, personally  
appeared in open court it being a court  
of record before the Honorable Nathaniel  
W. Williams, circuit judge in & for the third  
judicial circuit in the State of Tennessee  
Peter Rocky, aged about seventy two years  
now in sitting, who being first duly sworn  
according to the laws of the State  
with on his oath make the following  
declaration, in order to obtain the benefit  
of the act of Congress passed June the  
4th 1832.

(of the United States)  
That he entered the service, under the follow-  
ing named officers and served as herein stated

He states that he volunteered in the service  
of the United States for a term of three months  
in Mecklenburg County  
North Carolina, marched to a place called  
Ninety Six, against the Indians there were about  
thirty men in the company, the Captain  
was by the name of John Berringer  
the company to which he belonged joined  
General Rutherford's Army, at a place  
where one John Geiger lived in Mecklenburg  
County. The army marched to Ninety Six  
where at that place, ~~the~~ he with  
some men, who were drawn out of every  
company, went out as spies, & to the  
series, took about seven or eight times  
one of whom died of cold the night after  
taken. When taken in, they were sent  
to Charles town as he understood

The tour was in a cave at the Indian  
He was in no engagements or battles  
He states that he cannot recollect the year  
the most he can say is, that it was about  
the commencement of the war, & that they  
set out on the tour in the fall of the year  
He states he served out his full tour  
as he believes & until he was discharged  
at Ninety six. He cannot name any  
other officers except his captain & the  
General as before stated

He states that while living at the same  
place he was drafted for a tour of three  
months. Cannot state the year, but knows  
that it was about the last of August or the  
first of September, marched to the Cherokee  
Nation against the Indians.

On this campaign, the officers so far as  
he can recollect were his captain John  
Giles & General Rutledge. There was an  
officer called Alexander. On this campaign  
they destroyed several Indian towns. One town  
was called Cove Hill town, a part of the  
Army & in advance, had an engagement  
but he was not in it, this was near the  
Cove Hill town. Some prisoners were taken  
and some killed. There were no other  
engagements while he was out on this tour  
He served out his time and was discharged  
at Catauba river as he recollects.



He states that he was hired as a substitute  
for three months, cannot state the town,  
marched to Hillsborough, & to a place called  
Cross creek. He cannot recollect the Captain's  
name, but can say the last, in command  
was called Polk. He was then in pursuit  
of Tories. He was in no engagement.  
He served out his full time of three  
months, and was discharged in Mecklenburg  
County.

He states that sometime in the month of  
August as he recollects (the year he cannot  
state) he was drafted for three months  
and marched into South Carolina  
and joined the army under command  
of General Gates. His Captain was called  
Beaver. He marched with the army  
to a little place, he thinks it was called  
Charlotte, and near this place they were  
met by the enemy, and he was in what  
was called Gates' defeat. He cannot tell  
the names of any officers but General Gates  
General Rutherford & his Captain, (Beaver)  
After his term of service was expired  
he was discharged in Mecklenburg County.  
This ended his service as a soldier of  
the revolution. He has no documentary  
evidence of his service, nor does he  
know of any one by whom he can  
prove the same by any means.



He hereby releases every claim whatever to  
a pension or annuity except the present  
and declares that his name is not on the  
pension roll of any the agency of any  
State

1 I was born in Mecklenburg County, and  
from the best information I have ever had  
I was born in about the year 1760

2 I have no record of my age, my house was  
burned as I believe by the Tories, and a bible  
which contained a record of my age was burned

3 I was living in Mecklenburg County North Caro-  
lina, when called into the Service, after  
the revolution, I moved to what was  
then called in Virginia, from that  
place to where I now live. I remained  
there four years, and  
returned to this County about ten years ago

I was twice accepted, I once volunteered  
and I was once hired as a substitute, in  
a man by the name of Staines

5 I can state nothing more about the offers  
and arguments, or the circumstances of the service  
than I have already stated, I am too old  
and my recollection has too far failed to enable  
me to deal in minute detail

I think that Archibald Dill, John  
Wilson Bigelow, B. Little, Ralph Rogers  
William Gifford, & seeing thus will testify  
as I believe to my character for veracity  
and my reputation as a soldier in the revo-  
lution.

~~The~~ ~~deaths~~ ~~to~~ but they were burnt at  
I got discharges <sup>my</sup> house was burned, which was  
the same time ~~had~~ <sup>known</sup> was known, which was  
at or about the close of the war  
sworn to & subscribed in open <sup>Deter Rechy</sup>  
Court <sup>James J. Quarles clerk</sup>

~~The~~ ~~Jonas Gifford~~ a preacher of the Gospel  
and William Gifford residing in the county  
of Jackson State of Tennessee. do certify  
that we live a few miles distant from  
Peter Rechy the applicant, <sup>who has subscribed the above declaration</sup> that we have  
known <sup>him</sup> for many years, that we believe him  
to be seventy two years old, or at least  
we can state that he is a very old man  
that he is respected and believed in his neigh-  
borhood where he resides, to have been a  
soldier of the revolution, and that we con-  
cur in that opinion Jonas Gifford

Sworn to and subscribed,  
October 1832. William Gifford  
James J. Quarles Clerk

And the said Court hereby declares their  
opinion, after the investigation of the matter and  
after putting the interrogatories prescribed by  
the war department that the above applicant  
was a revolutionary soldier and served as he

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NUMBER

Va.

Ritchie, Alexander

R. 8784

Indian War 1786

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State of Tennessee } This day being the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Clas. term being } day of ~~April~~ 1835

personally appeared in open court the  
same being a court of record the fore the  
**Judge** who holds the same for said county  
Alexander Rilestone Jun<sup>r</sup> aged about 70.  
years who being first duly sworn a  
ccording to Law. doth on his oath make  
the following Declaration in order to obtain  
the benefit of an act of Congress passed  
June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

He States that he Entered the Service of  
the United States under the following  
named officer and served as herein  
Stated That in the year of 1776 he  
Resided in the County of Montgomery  
in the State of Virginia and in what is  
now called Scott County in said State and  
that he belonged to a fort called Blakemore  
and in the month of May in said year  
this applicant Volunteered his Service in  
army of the United <sup>States</sup> for the Term of Six  
Months under Capt Joseph Martin which said  
officer this applicant under stood was sent  
out from Henry County in Virginia to  
guard the Frontier and this applicant  
further States that shortly after he volunteered  
his Service that Capt Joseph Martin marched  
as he understood against the Cherokee under  
Col. Christie and left Evan Shelby who  
was a Lieut in the command of the fort  
and we Ranged the country as Indian Spies  
until my Term of Service expired and was  
Stationed at the Fort and then Received

and this applicant begs leave further to  
Represent to the department that he  
still lived in said county and in the  
month of a prile in ~~said~~ the year of 1777  
that he again Volunteered his services in  
the army of the United States for the  
Term of six months, under Capt James  
Gipson who then commanded the fort  
at Blackman's Station and also the  
fort in the Ryecove and that this applica-  
-nt was stationed Blackman's fort and  
we ranged the country as Indian spies  
untill my Term of service had expired  
and I recd my discharge from  
Capt James Gipson. which said discharge  
I have lost or miss laid so that I cannot  
produce the same.

And this applicant begs  
leave further to state to the department  
that he still Resided in said county  
and that in Month of a prile in the  
year of 1778 that he again Volunteered  
his services in the army of the United  
States for the Term of six months  
under the same Capt James Gipson  
and that this applicant was again  
stationed at Blackman's Station and  
that they ranged the country as Indian  
spies untill my Term of service expired  
and that I again Recd my discharge  
from Capt. Gipson which I have  
lost or miss laid so that I cannot  
produce the same.



and this applicant begs leave further to state  
to the department that some time in  
November in the 1778. after the Expiration  
of the last above described Term of  
Service of this applicant. That this  
applicant Moved with his Father  
Alexander Ritchie Sr. to his Farm and  
this applicant lived with his Father  
~~lived with his father until the 11<sup>th</sup> day~~  
of March 1779 and information came  
that the Indians had killed a Family  
of the Phillips and eight of them in number  
this applicants Father then Moved immedi-  
ately to Dunbars Fort at the Ford of Clinch  
River and this applicant also accompanied  
him and that this applicant to Gather  
with others brought the dead down the River and  
Buried them at the Burying Ground  
at the fort and this applicant further  
states that a bout the first of April  
next ensuing. that he again Volunteered  
his Service for the Term of Six months  
in the army of the United States under  
Capt John Inoody who had the com-  
mand of Dunbars Fort on Clinch River <sup>Burying</sup> ~~Will~~  
and Coopers Fort in Castle Woods and  
Coopers Fort in the same Neighborhood  
and William Mores Fort near Castle Run  
and this applicant states that he was  
Stationed at Dunbars Fort and that  
they Ranged all the country from one  
Fort to the other as Indian Spies and  
and after his Term of Service had expired



I Received my discharge, which I have  
lost or miss laid so that I cannot  
produce the same.

and this applicant says he is farther  
to state to the department that he still  
lived with his father in Duncan's fort  
during the hard winter of 1780 and  
in the month of March of said year that  
they were again alarmed by the breaking  
out of the Indians who came near the fort  
and killed ~~the~~ Michon<sup>officer</sup> family and a  
few the first of April. this applicant  
volunteered his services in the army of  
the United States, for the term of  
six months under Capt John Snoddy  
and this applicant further states that  
Capt Snoddy commanded all the forts  
as a boy decided and that this appli-  
cant was stationed at Duncan's fort  
and that they ranged all the country  
as Indian spies as a boy described  
until my term of service expired  
and I Received my discharge from  
Capt Snoddy which said discharge  
I have lost or miss laid so that I  
cannot produce the same. This applica-  
nt states that he did serve in the  
army of the United States for the term  
of two years and six months; he states that  
he has no documentary evidence of  
his service nor does he know of any  
living testimony by whom he can prove

the same, his services by but the Deposition of  
Oliver Waller, who only proves twelve months  
of his services which said Deposition he says  
may be taken as evidence in his application  
for a pension, he hereby acknowledges Every  
claim to a pension or to annuity, except the  
present, and declares, that his name is not in the  
Pension Roll, of any State or Territory.

Where and in what year were you born  
answer. I was born in the year of Christ. 1764.  
June the 29<sup>th</sup> day in said year.

Have you any record of your age  
and if so where is it

answer I have the record of my age  
at home given to me by my father.

Where were you living when you  
were called into service,

answer I was living in the  
Western part of Virginia, now I think Scott  
County, were you Drafted were you a volunteer  
or were you a substitute and if a substitute for  
Whome, answer I was a Volunteer.

State the names of some of the officers of the  
Regular Troops and of the Military Troops.

answer I listed under Capt. Joseph  
Morton and volunteered under him who was afterwards  
made Genl. Morton.



I knew him well and Capt. James Gibson who  
was a military Capt, I knew Capt. John  
Snaddy and many others,

Did you ever receive Discharges  
answer I was legally discharged, and my father  
drew my pay as I was under age, which  
said discharges I am unable to produce.

State the names of some of your  
Neighbors, by whom you can prove your  
character and your services, as a soldier in the  
Revolution, answer. John Hunt, William Graham  
Co. William Houston Dr. William Rogers and many  
others  
Sworn to in open Court  
April 21<sup>st</sup> 1835

Alex. Ritchie juror

J. J. Hunt Clerk

I William Rogers one of the clergymen of the  
Methodist Church, do on oath state that I am  
well acquainted with Alexander Ritchie, who  
is making this application for pension, and  
that I believe him to be the years of age  
which he states, and that it is reputed &  
believed in the neighbourhood where he lives  
that he was a soldier of the revolutionary  
war - and that I concur in that opinion,  
Sworn to in open  
Court 21<sup>st</sup> April 1835.

Wm Rogers

(J. J. Hunt Clerk)



October 27, 1939

BA-J/MCS  
Alexander Ritchie, R. 8784

Mr. H. T. Tate  
Room 200, Treasury Annex #1  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for information relative to the Revolutionary War soldier, Alexander Ritchie, who applied for pension April 21, 1835, while living in Claiborne County, Tennessee.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, R. 8784, based upon the military service of Alexander Ritchie.

Alexander Ritchie, the son of Alexander, was born June 29, 1762 or 1764 (both dates are shown), in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and moved with his father (year not stated) to what was then Botetourt County, Virginia, later Washington and Russell Counties, Virginia. The soldier stated that during the Revolution, the Indians became troublesome and his father moved from his plantation to Duncan's or Dinkin's Fort at the ford on Clinch River.

While residing in Montgomery or in Russell County, Virginia, Alexander Ritchie, Junior, volunteered in May, 1778, and served until sometime in 1782 on short tours on the frontiers of Virginia, amounting to two years and six months in all, as an Indian spy and ranger for the protection of the inhabitants, under the following Virginia officers: Captains Joseph Martin, James Gipson, Elliott and John Snoddy, and Colonels Christie or Christian, John Montgomery, Henry Smith and Evan Shelby. He stated that after this service he was engaged in making excursions against the Indians until 1787 or 1788 and was under Colonel Sevier.

After the Revolution, he resided in Russell County, Virginia, for about seventeen years, then moved to ---- (not legible) and lived four years; from there to Powell's Valley, near Cumberland Gap and lived four years; from there he moved to Claiborne County, Tennessee.

Alexander Ritchie applied for pension April 21, 1835, while living in Claiborne County, Tennessee. His claim was not allowed as the kind of service that he rendered was not provided for in the Act of Congress under which he applied.

The reference to the soldier's father is the only family data found in the papers of the pension claim of Alexander Ritchie, Junior.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

SERVICE

NUMBER

S.C.

<sup>or</sup> Ritchie, John  
Richey. Jannet  
Jannett

N. 5707

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South Carolina

Abner Ritchie  
of Newbury in the State of S. C.  
who was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Towle of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Thompson in the South Carolina  
line for two years.

Inscribed on the Rolls of South Carolina  
at the rate of \$10 Dollars Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20. day of Feb  
1833 and sent Abner Ritchie  
S. C.

Amount to 1st of 4 Sept 1832 120.00  
Pensioner's allowance ending 4 March 1833 40.00

\$ 160.00

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South Carolina  
Fanny Ritchie,  
Widow of John Ritchie  
J. C.  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
80 Dollars

20 Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1856.

and sent to  
Hon. P. A. Brooks.  
M. F. R.

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The State of South Carolina  
Newbury District } do not

On the fifteenth day of  
November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty two personally appeared in  
open Court before Richard Bantle Esquire the Judge  
of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas  
of the said State now sitting John Ritchie a resident  
of the district of Newbury aforesaid aged about seventy  
four years, who, being first duly sworn, doth, on his  
oath make the following declaration in order to  
obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed  
June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Ireland in the County  
of Antrim. He has no record of his age and is an  
illiterate man. He cannot therefore state precisely  
at what time he was born. But by comparing his  
age with that of persons whom he has long known  
whose ages are known, and with the date of remark-  
able events which he heard of at the time of their  
occurrence he is induced to believe that he is at  
least seventy four years old as above stated.  
He came to this country about the commencement  
of the Revolutionary war, - before the war broke  
out at the South; but he remembers to have  
heard of war at the North.

He was living in that part of Antrim six distinct  
now called Laurens district when called into service.  
He entered the service of the United States  
the following named officers and served as herein  
after stated. He entered, by voluntary enlistment  
for <sup>the term of</sup> three years, into Captain Oliver Towles' company  
which was attached to Col. Thompson's Regiment, which  
was he understood the Third Regiment of South Carolina  
State troops. Col. Thompson bore the nickname of  
"Old Dargus," and his Regiment he understood  
was at first of Cavalry and upon that being broken  
up or dispersed, the Regiment of foot to which the  
deponent was attached as above stated, was raised  
in its place. The company under which he served at Charleston

After remaining several months in Charleston the Regiment to which this deponent was attached marched to Orangeburg in the same State, at which place they were stationed several months. Second Col. Mason was an officer of the Regiment, as were also Captain Felix Harley, Capt. Hopkins, Capt. <sup>Wright</sup> Goodwin, Capt. Ramsay and Capt. Caldwell. From Orangeburg they marched to Savannah in Georgia, and after staying there a short time they marched on through the State of Georgia, passing by a place called Midway, collecting House and <sup>Blair</sup> the Ogeechee River. At which they received word that the British were coming on to attack Savannah, and they thereupon turned back and went to Savannah. They were at Savannah when that place was attacked and taken by the British and were engaged in the battle. On that occasion this deponent was taken prisoner by the British. He remembers that at Savannah one John Knap or Kapp who was said to be a British deserter acted as adjutant of the Regiment, and that George Reynolds also a British deserter acted as drill officer. From the fall of Savannah until the British finally left that place the deponent remained a prisoner of war. He was a prisoner at the time the Americans and French attacked that place, and ~~was at that time placed with other prisoners on~~ when he was first taken a prisoner he was put on board a prison ship where he remained several weeks, and was there upon the application of his friends permitted to return to Savannah where he remained a prisoner on parole, until the British left that place as above stated.

This deponent cannot state the time at which he entered the service, but according to the best of his recollection he had been about eight years in service when he was taken prisoner. He can not state how long he remained a prisoner.



but he is confident he was a prisoner more than a year. After this deponent was left at liberty by the British at Savannah he returned home, and was furnished by Genl. Col. Mazon with a written discharge which has been long lost or destroyed. Since that time he has lived in the districts of Laurens, Abbeville and Sturtevant in this State, and for the last thirty four years he has resided constantly in Sturtevant.

As evidence of his service he refers to a grant for a tract of land given to him by the State of South Carolina in consideration of his Revolutionary services which is dated the 2nd day of May 1796 and signed by Arnoldus Vanderhoest the then Governor of said State in pursuance of acts of the Legislature of said State, passed the 28th day of March 1778 and the other on the 26th day of March 1784.

He refers to Alexander Chambers and William Cannon for his character as a man of veracity and for the general reputation that he was a Soldier of the Revolution, there being no chieftains residing in the neighborhood where he lives.

He has no documentary evidence of his services in his possession other than the grant above mentioned and knows of no person by whom he could prove his Revolutionary services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

J. S. Harrington, Clerk  
W. D. D.

John P. Petchey  
mark



BRIEF in the case of

*Mr Ritchie of Newberry*  
*District* in the State of *South Carolina*  
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *74.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
In 17	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>En</i>	<i>Capt. Ingle, Col Thompson</i>

*x 3rd South Carolina Regiment*

5. In what battles was he engaged?

*Savannah*

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?

*Savannah 7th South Carolina*

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls?

*Traditionary. The refers to an Act of the Legislature of South Carolina passed 26 March 1784 to prove his service as a soldier of the Revolution.*

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

*Defective. The period he enlisted or volunteered not given.*

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*John Wilson* Examining Clerk.

The State of South Carolina, }  
Newberry District. }

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On this the twenty third day of April A.D. 1856, personally appeared before me Joseph P. Hunter a magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Fannet Ritchie aged about years, a resident of the District and State of aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the identical widow of John Ritchie deceased, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, that she cannot state the Company or Regiment to which this said John Ritchie belonged, or when or where he was mustered into service or discharged - that she was married to the said John Ritchie sometime in the year 1794, by one Isaac McLean-Tock, that her name before her said marriage was Fannet Beard, that her said husband died in the year A.D. 1840, in the District & State of aforesaid, that she has not since intermarried, and is now a widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved 3<sup>d</sup> March 1855, and that she has not heretofore received any Bounty Land under this or any previous act of Congress, and that her said husband never received any bounty land during his life. This deponent further declares that there is no public or private record of her intermarriage with the said John Ritchie, and that she does not know that anyone who was present at her said marriage, is now alive: that the

said John Ritchie was a revolutionary soldier  
and applied for a pension from the United  
States, and that his name is on the Pension  
Roll - that she recently applied for, and  
has received a Certificate of Pension from  
the Department of the Interior, that the  
Original Certificate is now in her possession,  
and that the following is a true copy there-  
of -

"Department of the Interior"  
"Widow's Pension."

"I certify that in conformity with the act of July  
29, 1848, Janet Ritchie Widow of John  
Ritchie who was a private in the Revolu-  
tionary war, is inscribed on the pension list  
at the rate of Eighty dollars and - cents per  
annum, commencing on the 4th March, 1848,  
and continuing for life, unless she should  
again marry, in which case the pension is  
not payable after the time of such marriage"

Seal  
Department  
of the  
Interior

Given at the Department of the Interior  
this twenty eighth day of February,  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Examined and  
Counter signed

3  
R. M. McLellan  
Secretary of the Interior

"Minister Commissioner of Pensions"  
(Endorsed)

"Payment to be made at Charleston by J. C. Cochran  
Esq. Agent for paying pensioners in the Agency  
of South Carolina - Payable on the 4th September  
and 4th March. Recorded in the Pension Office  
on the Roll of Pensioners under act 1848,  
Page 146, 20c  
G. T. Getty clerk"



This Depoiment further states that her attorneys (Messrs. Garlington & Jones) while prosecuting her claim for pension, forwarded to the Department of the Interior affidavits of William Cannon, Zachary Wright, and others, touching her inter marriage with the said John Ritchie deceased, that these affidavits were no doubt filed with her application for pension, and she supposes can be readily and easily refuted to, she therefore prays that the Department will examine the affidavits above referred to, as they constitute satisfactory and the best evidence she can present as to her inter marriage with the said John Ritchie deceased.

Janet <sup>her</sup> Ritchie  
mark

We Janet Jones and Mary Speers, residents of Newbury District and State of Maine upon our oaths declare that the foregoing Declaration was signed and acknowledged by Janet Ritchie in our presence, and we know from our acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be - that we have examined the original Certificate of Pension of which the foregoing is a correct copy, and we have every reason to believe it is genuine, and that the said Janet Ritchie is the identical person to whom the said Certificate was issued.

Janet Jones  
Mary Speers

The State of South Carolina }  
Newberry District }

On this the  
fifteenth day of September, in the year of our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty five,  
personally appeared before me, Judge of the Court  
of Ordinary in and for the District of Newberry,  
in the state of aforesaid, Mrs Ernest Richey,  
a resident of the District and State aforesaid,  
aged eighty four years, who being duly sworn  
according to law, doth, on her oath, make the  
following declarations, in order to obtain the ben-  
efit of the provision made by the act of Con-  
gress, passed July the twenty ninth, A.D. 1848:  
That she is the widow of John Richey who was  
a private in the Revolutionary war, in the Com-  
pany commanded by Captain Oliver Towles,  
in a regiment commanded by a Colonel whose  
name has been forgotten, that the said John  
Richey served in said war for a period of time  
exceeding two years, and was honorably discharg-  
ed. This deponent further declares that she  
was married to the said John Richey, on the  
fourteenth day of April, A.D. 1794, that her  
husband, the aforesaid John Richey, died  
on the twenty second day of June, A.D. 1840, and  
that she has remained a widow ever since that  
period, as will more fully appear by reference  
to the proof hereto annexed.

This deponent further declares that her said  
deceased husband about the year A.D. 1832, or  
1833, applied for and received from the govern-  
ment of the United States, a pension of eighty  
dollars per annum, which said Pension was



regularly received by her said husband up to the  
time of his death, minus the arrearages due the  
year in which he died: That her said husband's  
Certificate of Pension was in her possession after  
his death, which was placed in the hands of  
her attorney, one John C. Higgins, to assist  
him in procuring her claim to a pension, which  
said Certificate, according the statement of her  
said attorney, was sent to the Pension Depart-  
ment at Washington. This deponent further states  
that in consequence of her extreme old age  
and bodily infirmity, she is unable to appear  
in Court, and that there is no public or private record  
of her marriage.

William Cannon  
John B. Keehey  
State of South Carolina }  
Newberry District }

her  
Jennet X Keehey  
mark

I, Elijah D. Lake, judge  
of the Court of Ordinary in and for the District  
of Newberry in the State aforesaid, do hereby  
Certify, that the above affidavit was sworn  
to, and subscribed in my presence, and in  
the presence of the other witnesses, whose names ap-  
pear above, by the deponent's making her mark,  
that she deponent is the identical person  
she represents herself to be, and that I have  
every reason to believe that her statements in  
all other respects are correct and true. I  
further Certify that the deponent by  
reason of her extreme old age and bodily  
infirmity, is unable to appear in Court.  
Given under my hand and seal of office, this the  
15<sup>th</sup> September 1855.

Elijah D. Lake Ordinary  
of Newberry District



The State of South Carolina,  
Newberry District.

Personally  
appeared before me John B. Richey a resident  
of the District and State aforesaid who  
being duly sworn says that he is about sixty  
years of age, that he is a son of John Richey  
and Jennett Richey, that they (his said  
parents) often informed him that he was  
born on the fifteenth day of April in  
the year of our Lord seventeen hundred  
and ninety-six, that there is no record  
of his age.

This deponent further states that  
about the year A.D. 1807, he recalled  
the age of his brother Samuel Richey  
who was the seventh child of his father  
and mother, and also the age of Mary  
Richey who was the eight child of his  
said parents: that he recalled the ages  
of his said brother and sister according  
to the instruction of his mother, given  
at the time when said record was made,  
which was about the year 1807, as above  
stated.

Sworn to and subscribed  
in my presence this  
the sixth day of February  
A. D. 1856.

John B. Richey

Elijah P. Lake ordinary  
for Newberry District  
& Magistrate 2404

~~Samuel Richey~~  
~~was born in~~  
~~the year 1804~~  
~~June 30th~~

Samuel Richey  
was born in  
the year 1804  
June 30th

Mary Richey  
was born in the year  
1808  
November the 26th

# TESTAMENT

THE NEW

The State of South Carolina, }  
Newberry District.

Personally appeared  
before John B. Richey a resident  
of the district and State of South Carolina  
who being duly sworn, says that the  
following is a true copy of the record  
in his father's family Bible, (now  
in the possession of his mother) con-  
fessed to by him in his foregoing af-  
fidavit: -

"Samuel Richey was born in The "

"Year 1804, June 30<sup>th</sup>"

"Allan Richey was born in the year "

"of our Lord 1807 November the 26<sup>th</sup>"

Sworn to and subscribed }  
in my presence this the } John B. Richey  
sixth day of February }  
A. D. 1856.

Elijah P. Lake Ordway  
for Newberry District

& Magistrate & Officer



SERVICE

NUMBER

*Ma.*

★  
*Ritmeyer, Conrad*

*R. 8817*

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REJECTED

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P. O.

*Conrad Ritzmeyer*

Service:

*Conrad Ritzmeyer*

Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Application filed: \_\_\_\_\_, 18

Alleges: \_\_\_\_\_

Re-enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Recognized.

Contr

Cert. of Dis. Searched for \_\_\_\_\_, 18

# Conrad Richter  
Maryland

Rejoice

See to 3 April  
J. Watkins

did not  
come in with

8817

Lib 7 June 1832



Mar 5 '41.



Maryland

July 7 1838

Mary Moore 7749 ✓

Contra Right Finger

in

City of Washington D. C.

to the office and  
discharge of  
James Adams Com of Prisoners

White

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Conrad Rightmeyer  
M. a. y. l. a. b.

Conrad Rightmeyer  
act 1832

State of Maryland  
Frederick County

on this twenty seventh day of February  
Eighteen hundred and forty one personally appeared  
and appeared before this Court of Frederick County  
now sitting Corroborating a resident of  
Maryland.

in the County of Frederick and State of Maryland of the  
age of seventy seven years who being first duly sworn  
according to Law doth on his oath make the fol.  
Lowin. declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>  
1832,

that he Entered the service of the united  
States under the following named officers and  
served as herein stated that he volunteered as a min-  
or man in ~~Frederick~~ town Maryland in Captain  
Thomas Betty's Company and Lieutenant Conrad  
Jull attached to Col Betty's regiment of Maryland  
militia. His age and bodily debility has so im-  
paired my memory that I have forgotten the  
day or month that I entered the service  
but know that I entered the service in seven-  
teen hundred and Eighty one and marched to Soland  
Jury through Frederick County and then received  
the prisoners and march as a guard from the jury  
to Frederick town over the prison and remained  
as a guard till I was discharged by my officers  
in September hundred and Eighty one. That he  
volunteered for nine months and served as herein stated  
that he was born in March seven hundred  
and sixty four in Redem peninsula Back County  
that he has remained in Frederick town Frederick  
County Maryland ever since the revolutionary war  
and now lives in Frederick town Frederick  
County Maryland.

he hereby relinquishes every claim  
whatever to a pension or annuity. Except the



assent and declares that his name is not  
on the pension roll of the agency of any  
State

sworn to and subscribed the } Conrad Rittmeyer  
day and year aforesaid  
in open Court *per* Wm. Gohley cl

*we* John L. Pitts — a clergyman residing in the  
town and County of Frederick Maryland and John Lane  
residing in the same hereby certify that we are well  
acquainted with Conrad Rittmeyer who has subscribed  
and sworn to the above declaration: that we believe  
him to be seventy seven years of age that he is  
reputed and believed in the neighborhood where  
he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution  
and that we concur in that opinion

sworn and subscribed the day  
and year aforesaid *per* John L. Pitts  
in open Court

*Test* Wm. Gohley cl

John Lane

and the said Court do hereby declare their  
opinion after the investigation of the matter  
and after putting the interrogations prescribed by  
the war department that the above named  
applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served  
as he states. and the court further certifying  
that it appears to them that John L. Pitts  
who has signed the preceding Certificate is a clergy-  
man, residing in the town of Frederick, Frederick  
County, Maryland and that John Lane who has  
also signed the same is a resident in the same  
town County and State, and is a credible person,  
and that this statement is entitled to credit.

1841 Feby 27<sup>th</sup> By order of the Court

*per* Wm. Gohley Clerk  
Edw. G. G. G. G.

Rockville Mass 2<sup>d</sup> 1841

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> of February last informing me that no soldier who did not serve six months they were not entitled to receive a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 I am inclined to think that Mr. Roper can prove that he did serve six months if not I am convinced that he is not entitled if you will be so good as to let me know by letter whether his case is entirely disposed of or not if not he will afford the testimony I also send you the declaration of Mary Moore what the proof of marriage can be afforded and shall be in a few days I also send you the declaration of Corliss Lightfoot and will afford you other testimony if needed.

I am very respectfully

Thos. Watkins

A. & L. Edwards Comps.

New Jersey or Ritner, Henry R. 11490  
Whittemore



SERVICE

NUMBER

New Jersey

Rittenhouse, Abner  
or Rettenhoise.

R. 8840

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State of New Jersey.

Warren County. Before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, on the fourteenth — day of August AD 1833.

personally appearing Abner Plattenhouse a resident of the township of Oxford in said county, whom I certify to be a credible person and his statements entitled to credit, and whom I certify cannot from bodily infirmity attend the court at its regular term, aged seventy three years and upwards, who being duly sworn, first according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7. 1832. that he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated in —

Interrogatory I. I was born at Kingwood, County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1760 —

II. I have a record of my age now in my possession, produced before the judge, which was copied from my father's family Bible.

III. When called into service I was living at Kingwood aforesaid. — Since the war of the Revolution I have lived in County of Sussex now Warren and where I now live —

IV. When called into service, I went as a Volunteer in my company in ~~class~~, but I and some others always volunteered instead of standing on draft. I never went as a substitute.

V. My first tour of duty was in months of June & July 1778. I was out one month & a few days, but could recollect having many. we marched to Trenton and thence to near Freehold, in Monmouth Co. New Jersey I was at the battle of Monmouth. I recollect seeing General Mifflin and General Washington & all the regular army at Monmouth. The weather was uncommonly hot. I was under Captain Daniel Bray, in



Colonel Beavers Regiment of New Jersey militia. I was out as a private during the whole of my service. The morning of the battle together with several of our company had gone to milk some cows near the enemy's lines & were driven away <sup>before firing</sup> by British light horse & were relieved by the American light horse. - I recalled few Colonels or Generals but I remember one who had command of some of militia.

My second tour I was out one month & a few days - under Captain Bony in Colonel Ely's Regiment of New Jersey militia. I recalled General Massie commanded. in month of September of same year, I recalled it from Peaches being ripe. we were at Elizabeth town & the Jersey the whole month.

My third tour I was out one month & a few days under Captain Cornetius Carhart in Colonel Searles Regiment. I don't recalled month but it was in spring of next year 1779. We were the whole month at Elizabeth town & Newark.

My fourth tour I was out one month & a few days over under same Captain & same Colonel. under General Dickinson. It spent whole month at and about Springfield; I don't recalled month. I recalled Colonel Taylor was out but was not under him.

My fifth tour I was out one month & a few days under Captain Jacob Larehart. Major Groeneyke & Colonel Bond. this month we were at Morristown; I don't recalled month but it was in month of August; from Harvest apples being ripe.

My sixth tour I was out one month under Captain Daniel Bony Major Groeneyke & Colonel Bond. Lieutenant Daniel & Ensign John Cowdrick. as the month we were at and about Aquackanonk. month & year not recalled.

My other services were at several general calls of the militia.

10 one general call. month & year not recalled. I was out ten days under Captain Bony. at Black river station to Morristown;

on general call. month & year not recalled. I was out ten days under 10 Captain Cornelius Carhart, near Pompton Plains.



one other general case I was out under Captain Jacob Carhart for  
10 days at Springfield. months year not recollected.

By reason of old age and consequent loss of memory I cannot <sup>more</sup> ~~swear~~  
positively as to the precise length of my service than is herein  
before specified; but according to the best of my recollection I found  
not less than the period before mentioned, amounting to four months  
I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension during  
all which time I was engaged in no civil pursuit or employment.  
I never received a discharge in writing from the service.

I am known in my present neighborhood to Cornelius Slack of Jacob Rush,  
who can testify to my character for uprightness and their belief of my service  
as a soldier of the revolution. There is no clergyman living near me.

I have no documentary evidence, nor do I know of any person living  
by whom I can prove my service, except it be the affidavit of  
Jacob Rush.

which accompanies this declaration  
The hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity  
except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension  
roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year  
aforesaid before me

Abner Pitterhouse

Wm. Kinney

Mr. Cornelius Slack and Jacob Rush

residing in the township of Oxford

county of Warren, New Jersey

certify that we are well acquainted with Abner Pitterhouse who has subscribed  
above to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy three years  
of age; that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides  
to have been a soldier of the revolution, that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
before me

Cornelius Slack  
Jacob Rush

Wm. Kinney

*This person wrote  
again on Sept 11, 1934  
For this reason I  
James Mattison which was  
did not have. On Sept 30,  
1934, received this list  
had been sent to me  
forward of this James M.*

Mrs. Walter Rowland  
1721 South Sycamore Street  
Petersburg, Virginia

September 15, 1934

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ABNER RITTENHOUSE  
R. 8840  
BA-J/MLB

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Abner Rittenhouse, of Kingwood, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, who served from New Jersey and later resided in Warren County, of that state.

His record follows as found in the papers on file in pension claim, R. 8840, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Abner Rittenhouse or Rettenhouse (name appears under both spellings) was born May 5, 1760, in Kingwood, Hunterdon County, New Jersey; the names of his parents are not given.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier lived in that part of Sussex County, New Jersey, which later became Warren County.

He applied for pension August 14, 1833, while a resident of Oxford Township, Warren County, New Jersey, and alleged that while residing in Kingwood, New Jersey, he volunteered in June, 1778, served one month and a few days as private in Captain Daniel Bray's company, Colonel Beavers' New Jersey regiment, and that he was in the battle of Monmouth; that he enlisted in September, 1778, and served one month and a few days as private in Captain Bray's company, Colonel Ely's New Jersey regiment; that he enlisted in the spring of 1779, and served one month as private in Captain Cornelius Carhart's company, Colonel Sealey's New Jersey regiment; that he enlisted, date not given, and served one month and a few days as private under the same officers about Springfield; that he enlisted in August, year not stated, and served one month and a few days as private in Captain Jacob Carhart's company, Colonel Bond's New Jersey regiment stationed at Morristown; that he enlisted, date not given, and served one month as private in Captain Daniel Bray's company, Colonel Bond's New Jersey regiment; also that he served on three tours of ten days each, as private

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under Captain Bray at Black River and Morristown, under Captain Cornelius Carhart near Pompton Plains, and under Captain Jacob Carhart at Springfield, dates of these tours not shown.

His claim was not allowed as he did not furnish proof of service as required by the pension law.

No family data are shown in the claim.

This office has no record of the death of Abner Rittenhouse or Rettenhouse.


Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator



SERVICE

NUMBER

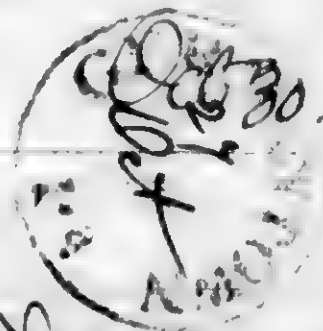
  
Rittenhouse Garret

R. 8841

Penn residence in 1837

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Pa  
7 June '32.



Thos. J. Edwards

War Department

Washington  
D.C.

free

Hon. J. L. Edwards,

Sir, I herewith enclose the  
declarations of Garret Rittenhouse and John Burnhater  
two old revolutionary characters.

I have collected such testimony as could  
be found in and about the neighborhood.

You will oblige me by letting me know  
the result of their application.

Your Obe. Hum. Ser.

Sedediah Strong

26<sup>th</sup> October A.D. 1837



V. Garrett Rittenhouse  
Pennsylvania

Rejected  
See letter 20<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 37. Ed. Strong.

8841

Service not in  
military capacity

8841

P. O.

*Garret Rittenhouse*

Service:

REJECTED

Enlisted:

, 18

Discharged:

, 18

Application filed:

, 18

Alleges:

Re-enlisted:

Attorney:

P. O.

Recognized.

Contract

Cert. of Dis.

Searched for

, 18

County of Philadelphia

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October  
A.D. 1837 personally appeared before me Jedediah  
Strong Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in and  
for the said County Garret Pitterhouse resident  
in said County aged eighty two years, who being first  
duly affirmed, according to law, doth on his solemn  
affirmation, make the following declaration in  
order to obtain the provision made by the acts  
of Congress; that he the said Garret Pitterhouse  
enlisted as a soldier, at the age of twenty one or two  
years, for the term of three years in the year seventeen  
hundred and seventy six as near as he recollects  
General William Butler master, that he continued  
to serve as a soldier for the army for two years and  
seven months when the British took the town he drove  
and General Butler discharged him from the  
service in the County of Philadelphia in the state of  
Pennsylvania

affirmed and subscribed

Garret Pitterhouse

before Jedediah Strong

Justice of Peace  
18<sup>th</sup> October A.D. 1837

Witness  
Peter Hinkle





Garret Pottenhouse the petitioner being further duly  
advised, says that he hereby acknowledges every  
claim whatever to a pension or annuity on account of  
services and he declares that his name is not  
on the pension roll of any agency in any state  
affiliated or subordinate

before  
Jedediah Thayer  
Justice of Peace  
24<sup>th</sup> October 1837

Garret Pottenhouse  
mark

In the Court of Common Pleas for the County  
of Philadelphia  
October 24<sup>th</sup> 1837 The said Court  
on due consideration and having examined  
the said petition do declare their opinion  
that the said applicant was a revolutionary  
soldier and served as he states.

Witness our hands and seals  
at Philadelphia the day of October 1837  
Edward King Seal  
Overseer.

Wm. Randall

Seal

John A. Jones



I Robert Morris prothonotary of the Court of  
Commissioner for the City and County of Phila-  
delphia do hereby certify that the foregoing  
contains the original proceedings of the said Court  
in the matter of the application of Genl. Patton  
for a pension and that said Court is a Court  
of Record. Witness my hand & the Seal  
of the said Court this 26th day of

Witness my hand & the seal  
of said Court the 26<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 1837

*Penelope*  
*Perth*

Peter Keyser a Cheggman residing in Germantown, Pa. by  
 that I am acquainted with Garret Pittenham who  
 subscribed and affirms to the foregoing declaration that  
 he is him to be eighty two years of age that he is a native  
 of the neighborhood where he is said to have been a  
 participant in the revolution and that I concur in that opinion.  
 Affirmed and subscribed as above on the 1st day of  
 October 1837. Peter

John H. Stoney  
Director of Prisons

Peter Keyser  
aged 76 years

I certify that I am well acquainted  
with John Burnhate and William Rittenhouse and that  
they are creditable persons and good and worthy members  
of society. Witness my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1837

Sedediah Strong  
Justin T. Strong



SERVICE

Penn.

Rittenhouse, Jacob

NUMBER

S. 22469

CONTENTS

Pennsylvania 1855

Jacob Patten house

of Sugarloaf Spring the State of Pennsylvania  
who was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Reeder of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Guyer in the Pa. militia  
line for 1 year

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania,  
at the rate of 40 Dollars — Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 16 day of Sept.  
1833 and sent to James A.  
Gordon, Conyngham, Luzerne Co. Pa.

Amount to the 1st of Sept. 1833. \$ 100. 00  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 Mar. '34 20. 00

\$ 120. 00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *Elw. Brown* Clerk  
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1880. Dec. 12 to C. F. Miller to state why information is desired and  
his right to ask it

State of Alaska not on as -

State of Pennsylvania  
Luzerne County ss

} Declaration of Jacob  
Pettinhouse in order to obtain  
a pension under the act of Congress  
of 1832.

On this fourth day of September Anno Domini 1832  
personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the  
Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Jacob  
Pettinhouse a resident of Luzerne Township in  
said County aged twenty five and upwards who being duly  
sworn ~~swearing~~ to say truth on his oath make the  
following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit  
of the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832 - That  
he entered the service of the United States in 1776 or  
1777 as a militia man at Housatonic in the Township  
County of Northampton in the State of Pennsylvania  
then the place of his abode under the command of  
Captain Rader whose company formed part of the  
Regiment commanded by Colonel Geyer of the first  
line Pennsylvania Militia. That he served in that  
company as a drummer - and marched to Philadelphia  
from which place he returned home in his company &  
was soon after discharged. That in the spring of the  
ensuing year his company being organized under the  
same officers namely Captain Rader and Colonel  
Geyer he was ordered on to Ansbury New Jersey which  
at that time was in possession of the British Army  
which said company encompassed & remained there  
one or two months - soon after said regiment returned  
home & he was discharged again after an others  
absence of about two months. In the fall after  
he thinks the same company was again assembled  
under the command of the above mentioned officers  
and marched to the Spring house Tavern near  
Philadelphia where they stayed about one  
week and were attached to the Regiment  
commanded by General Bull. Soon after  
his arrival at the Spring house he was ordered



to march to the Frankford road several miles above  
I went with his company & others under the command  
of Colonel Miller - here he was stationed about two  
months - at the expiration of which time he returned  
home & was again discharged - In the fall of this  
year - probably 1779 he enlisted in the Regular  
Army receiving a bounty of four dollars from William  
Ruffs, and on the first of September or October  
he proceeded alone (the other recruits having pre-  
ceded him owing to his having cut his foot) to  
Pleasanton in New Jersey where he took charge  
of a wagon and in company with thirty nine  
others proceeded thence to New-England, and  
at a town on Connecticut river - not now recollected  
loaded his wagon with muskets - & returned thence  
to Allentown in Pennsylvania where they were  
deposited. He was employed there for one year  
and was then discharged - <sup>but</sup> the certificate of  
his discharge was afterwards burnt with  
the principal part of his permission & In the  
spring of the year after his discharge as treasurer  
as above stated he went a fourth time under  
the command of Captain Rader and spent  
two months in guarding various farm houses in  
Northampton County from the assaults of the  
Indians. About one week after the last  
mentioned service he formed one of a company  
commanded by Captain Stail & marched to  
Fort Allen where <sup>he</sup> continued two months &  
returning home at the expiration of that time  
was discharged. Not long after his return  
from this service his neighbor Daniel Bloss  
was drafted & not finding it convenient to  
march the deponent offered himself as  
a substitute, was accepted by Captain Stail  
and having marched to Fort Allen & remained  
there two months was returned to Haverhill

the place of his residence and finally discharged.  
And the said Jacob Pettinhouse hereby relinquishes his  
any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the  
present, and declares that ~~his~~ name is not on  
the pension roll of the agency of any state - except  
that he has <sup>never</sup> ~~has~~ still entitled to a pension of fifty dollars  
from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -

Sworn Subscribed before  
me the day of June 1862

}

Jacob <sup>his</sup> Pettinhouse  
mark

Mr Isaac Schellhammer a Clergyman Residing in Luzerne County  
Luzerne County and Jacob Drumbuller Residing in the same  
Place hereby certify that we are well acquainted with  
Jacob Pettinhouse who has subscribed and sworn the above  
Declaration - that we believe him to be seventy years or his  
years of age that he is respected and believed in the High-  
-land where he lives we think to have been a Soldier  
of the Revolution and that we concur in that  
opinion

Jacob <sup>his</sup> Pettinhouse  
mark

Sworn and Subscribed before me  
the 8 day of November 1862  
Valentine Siwell Jr

Jacob Drumbuller  
Isaac Schellhammer

Wayne County N.Y.

Jacob Hunter being duly sworn  
saith - That he said Jacob Bellintone  
in the service of the United States Army & knows  
of his own knowledge that he served for two  
months as a Soldier of the Revolution - and  
that he understood at the time & believes that  
he served one year and more as an enlisted  
Soldier - Further he saith not -

Sworn & Subscribed

before me in open Court

the 16 day of Nov 1832

H. Pittelone

Prothon

Jacob Hunter

And the said Court hereby declare their opinion after the investigation  
of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the  
War Department, that the above mentioned applicant was a Revolutionary  
Soldier and served as he states. And the said Court further certifies  
that it appears to them that Isaac Schelhammer who has signed the  
annexed Certificate is a Clergyman resident in Sugarloaf Township  
and that Jacob Drumheller who has also signed the same is a resi  
dent of the same place, and is a Credible person and that their statement  
is entitled to credit.



1  
Hazleton Feby 6<sup>th</sup> 1861

Pension Office of the  
United States of America

My Grandfather Jacob —  
Rittenhouse served in the Revolutionary War of the  
United States also the War of 1812 + 1814, I should  
like to know whether he has received his full  
pay as well as the Bounties, Land Warrant &c  
which soldiers are now entitled to according  
to the acts of Congress made & provided for  
in such cases and you will greatly oblige  
Yours Respectfully  
Joseph Rittenhouse

Address to the care of  
J. H. Whitaker  
Hazleton Luzerne Co. Penna

Enclosed one Stamp

November 4, 1936

Jacob Rittenhouse  
S. 22469  
BA-J/ANT *am*

Elma C. Bishop  
1896 W. Front Street  
Berwick, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Jacob Rittenhouse of Northampton and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, and of John Sterner of Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land, which have been made to the United States, based upon service in that war. A search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of John Sterner, under any spelling of that surname.

The data furnished herein relative to Jacob Rittenhouse were obtained from pension claim, S. 22469, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of this soldier are not shown, nor are the names of his parents stated.

While a resident of Heidlersburg, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Jacob Rittenhouse served as a drummer with the Pennsylvania troops, as follows: from 1776 or 1777, four tours of two months each in Captain Rader's company, under Colonel Geyer, part of this time was guarding the homes in Northampton County, against the incursions of the Indians, and two months in Captain Stahler's company, stationed at Fort Allen, and two

months in Captain Teal's company, stationed at Fort Allen. Jacob Rittenhouse, also, served as teamster for about one year, during the Revolution, hauling muskets from a town on the Connecticut River to Allentown, Pennsylvania. There are no definite dates of his service shown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, September 4, 1832, at which time he was living in Sugarloaf Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, then aged seventy-five years "and upwards". He was at this time receiving a pension from the State of Pennsylvania.

On February 6, 1861, Joseph Rittenhouse of Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, referred to the soldier, Jacob Rittenhouse, as his grandfather, but did not give the names of his parents.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and give the following data:

Jacob Rittenhouse  
Certificate # 18555  
Issued September 18, 1833  
Rate \$40.00 per annum  
Commenced March 4, 1831  
Act of June 7, 1832  
Pennsylvania Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator



BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Pitter, Adam GRADE Private LINE Virginia

WARRANT NUMBER 17519 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED June 29, 1793  
To John Spencer, assignee

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass.

Ritter, Ezra.  
Jane.

N. 2644.

B.L.M. 31580-160-55.

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10,802

Vermont

Ezra Ritter

of Windsor in the state of Vermont  
who was a Private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Marshall of the Massachusetts  
line, for the term of 9 months, 1778-

inscribed on the Roll of Vermont  
at the rate of 8 - Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 6 of May 1819  
and sent to Judge Heald  
Chester, Windsor Co. Vt

Arrears to 4th of March 1819. 10 Mos  $\frac{11}{30}$  51. 83.96

Semi-ann. all'ce ending Sept. 4. 1819. 48-

\$ 131.96

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Notice given sent to mail to Watchdog

2 June 1822 given to the warrant



1861, Nov. 1st

June 1853

Jane Ritten, widow  
of Ezra Ritten  
Jane and Ezra Ritten, Priv.

Capt. \_\_\_\_\_ Pri:

Col. \_\_\_\_\_

Ensign \_\_\_\_\_

Officer \_\_\_\_\_

War of Revolution  
Pensioner No 10,802

Feb 53 - 2892

110:160 ac, June 23, 756

June

Wm. D. R.

Asa B. Foster  
Weston  
Vermont

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2892

Vermont. Montpelier.

Jane Ritter,  
widow of Cyra Ritter

who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a private

7th Mass Line.

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
96. Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 3d February, 1853.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
15th. day of November 1853.  
and sent to

A. H. Cragin  
Lebanon  
N. H.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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District of Vermont Windsor County, ss-

At Charter in & County of Windsor, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818. Before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the County Court for the County of Windsor aforesaid; Personally Appears Ezra Ritter, aged fifty six Resident in Luddlow in said County of Windsor, who being by me first duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order, to obtain the provision, made, by the late act of Congress, entitled - "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war;" That he the said Ezra Ritter enlisted in Leningburg, in the State of Massachusetts in May 1778. for nine months, in the Company commanded by Capt. King in the Regiment commanded by Col<sup>o</sup> Marshall of the Massachusetts troops - That he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the 1<sup>st</sup> month of March 1779 - when he was discharged at West point in the State of New York. That he was not in any Battle; was stationed at Kingsferry, White Plains, Danbury &c. That he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, & has no other witness of his said service - except the testimony of Samuel Tenny as hereinafter stated - Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

Amos Heald Assistant Judge of  
Windsor County Court

Amos Heald Assistant Judge of Windsor County -



State of Vermont. ) On this sixteenth day of April 1822,  
 Windsor County, ss. ) personally appeared before the Probate Court  
 for the District of Windsor in open court, (said court being a court of record,  
 agreeably to the laws of this State,) Ezra Bitter aged sixty years,  
 resident in Weston in said county, of Windsor, lately resident in Budlow  
 in said County, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his  
 oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows. He enlisted  
 in May 1778 at Bunenburg in the State of Massachusetts for the term  
 of nine months, and served in the company commanded by Capt. King, in  
 the Regiment commanded by Col: Marshall in the Massachusetts Line on  
 the continental establishment, until the expiration of the said term of nine  
 months when he was regularly and honorably discharged, and left the  
 service at West Point in the State of New York that he made his  
 original declaration on the twentieth day of April 1818 was received a Pen  
 sion Certificate, No 10, 802. And I do solemnly swear, that I was a  
 resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818;  
 and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner,  
 disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby, so  
 to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of  
 Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in  
 the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolution-  
 ary War," passed on the 10th day of March 1818, and that I have  
 not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities,  
 contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what  
 is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

One pig \$ 8.00,	one low base of Drawers \$ 2.50	\$ 10.50
10 old chairs 1.67,	one old Trunk 0.25,	one Tea Set 1.00
		2.92
3 common earthen plates 0.25,	one point powder Sack 0.22	0.63
6 small plates 0.25,	3 Glasses 0.25,	1 Jug 0.17,
	6 glass bottles 0.07.	1.52

1 oval earthen plate \$ 0.25, 4 small plates 0.10	\$ 0.35
1 iron plated saw 0.50, 1 dish kettle 1.00, 2 spiders 1.17	2.67
1 tea kettle 0.75, 1 iron shovel 1.00, 6 old pewter plates 0.60	2.25
2 old pewter platters 0.83, old pewter 0.17, 1 tea pot 0.75	1.75
9 knives & forks 0.75, 3 weavers reeds 2.00	2.75
2 old fire shovels & one pair of tongs 0.25, 2 augers 0.50	0.75
1 shave 0.50, 2 old whitts 0.50, 1 old large Bible 2.00	3.00
2 old chairs 2.00, 1 old plough 2.00, 1 wire sieve 0.50	4.50
8 milkpans 1.00, 2 old sickles 0.67, 1 vinegar cruet 0.6	1.75
2 old pitchforks 0.25, 1 harrow teeth 2.00, 1 bread trough &c.	2.50
	1.00
2 old tables \$ 1.00	\$ 30.92

And the said Ritter is owing the following Debts, to wit,

9 sheep, due to Parker Shattuck \$ 18, 3 sheep due to John P. P.	\$ 16, \$ 34.00
6 sheep, due to Peter Bond & S, Cash, due to Mary & Fullerton	\$ 9, 17.00
Cash due to Parker Shattuck, \$ 8, 6 sheep, due to Emerson Ross	\$ 12, 20.00
Cash due to Peter Adams & S, due to Haven & Fletcher	\$ 5, 13.00
Due to Phineas W. Spaulding \$ 7.42, due to Elisha Bigelow	17.61, 25.03
Due to John Crowley 1.50, to Peter Snow 8.62, to Elias & Bliss Russell	3.68, 13.80
Due to Jacob Foster 1.20, to David Drewry 8.48, to Wm. Ross	19.92, 29.60
Due to - Stuart 1.68, to - Gilmore \$ 5.00, to - Holt	2.25, 8.93
Due to Asa Foster 3.20,	3.20
	\$ 164.56

The said Ritter has the following family dependant on him for support, viz, his wife Jane Ritter, aged forty, seven, his son Ezra C. Ritter aged twenty, years, Sally, Ross, daughter of the said Jane Ritter aged thirteen years, and Sumner Ross son of the said Jane Ritter aged ten years. The said Ezra Ritter is by trade a Shoemaker and is infirm and not able to work but little.

Ezra Ritter  
Sworn to and declared on the sixteenth day of April 1822,

Lebanon Oct. 15. 1853.

Hon. J. P. Waldo.

Comr of Pension

Dear Sir:

Yours of a recent date in relation to the application of Jane Ritter for a Pension, under the Act of Feby. 1853. was duly received. It seems that the proof of the Marriage is not sufficient, until it is satisfactorily shown that there is no public or private record of the Marriage. I was aware that such proof was required if it existed. I satisfied myself some time ago that no such proof existed. I have therefore procured a Certificate from the town Clerk of Weston, in relation to the matter, which I hope will be sufficient. I can get the depositions of one or two other creditable persons who were present at the Marriage of Ezra & Jane Ritter, if necessary, but I suppose the evidence of two creditable persons sufficient.

Mr Peabody the town Clerk of Weston, lives in the house, owned by Ezra Ritter at the time of his death, and Jane Ritter bonds in his family. If you desire any evidence that Saml. Peabody is a creditable man, I can procure a statement to that



effect from Judge Collamer or Hon. Andrew  
Lucy of Woodstock Ct. or of Judge Kellogg  
of Rockingham Ct.

I enclose herewith the Certificate of  
the town Clerk.

The said Jane Ritter was the wife  
of John E. Rof. before she married Ezra  
Ritter. Mr Rof. was a soldier in the last  
war (1812) and died in the service, at  
French Mills, Jan'y. 12. 1814. She married  
Ezra Ritter, a Revolutionary soldier in 1821.  
She drew five years half pay, for the  
services of her first husband, before she  
married Ritter. By the Act, of Feb'y 3. 1853,  
she is entitled to 5 years half pay ~~more~~  
more, on account of her first husband's  
service. Can she draw for both at the  
same time? I supposed there was some  
doubt about this and she elected to  
draw on account of the service of Ritter.  
if she could draw for only one.

I know it has been decided by your  
department that a person cannot draw  
two pensions at the same time for the  
~~same service~~. This is a case where  
the service is not the same - but per-  
formed by two different persons, at

different times. Please give me your  
opinion on it. Perhaps it has been decided  
already. If she is entitled in both cases  
I will send the application.

I suppose, at any rate, she is entitled  
to bounty land, for the service of her first  
husband, she having borne him on his  
service.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. servant  
A. H. Le Sage.

State of Vermont }  
Windsor County }

On this seventh day of July  
A. D. 1853. personally appeared before me Abram G.  
Dutton, Judge of the Probate Court for the District of Windsor, in said County—  
Jane Ritter a resident of Weston in the County  
of Windsor, aged seventy eight years, who being  
duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her  
oath, make the following declaration, in  
order to obtain the benefit of the provisions  
made by the act of Congress, passed February  
3<sup>d</sup> A. D. 1853, that she is the widow of Ezra Ritter  
who in his life time drew a pension of ninety  
six dollars a year. Said Ezra Ritter resided  
in said Weston and his pension was paid at  
the agency at Montpelier, Vermont.

She further declares that she was mar-  
ried to the said ~~Ezra~~ Ritter on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of January in the year eighteen hun-  
dred and twenty one; that her husband  
the aforesaid Ezra Ritter died on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of August A. D. 1849. That she was  
married to him at the time above sta-  
ted. ~~She further swears that she was~~  
a widow at the passage of the Act, and  
is still a widow, and that she has never  
before made application for a pension.

Jane Ritter

Sworn to and subscribed on the  
day ~~before~~ above written before

Before me, Abram G. Dutton, Judge of said Probate Court.



Sworn to and subscribed on the  
day ~~before~~ above written before

Before me, Almon G. Dutton Judge of said Probate Court.

State of Vermont.

District of Windsor ss.

I, Almon G. Dutton, Judge of the Probate

Court for the District of Windsor aforesaid, do  
hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the origin-  
al proceedings of said Court in the matter of the  
application of Jane Ritten for a Pension.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of said Pro-  
bate Court, and subscribed my name at Cavendish, in said Dis-  
trict, this eighth day of July, A. D. one thousand, eight hundred &  
fifty three.

Almon G. Dutton, Judge.

State of Vermont } On this Ninth day of May  
Windham County } A.D. one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty five personally appeared  
before me a Notary Public duly qualified & administering  
oaths throughout the State of Vermont. Jane Bitter  
aged eighty years, a resident of Weston in the State  
of Vermont, who being duly sworn according to law  
declares that she is the ~~widow of Isaac Bitter~~, deceased  
who was a private in the Revolutionary Army in the  
Company commanded by Captain ~~Isaac Bitter~~ in the  
Regiment ~~of~~ commanded by Colonel  
in the war with Great Britain known  
as the Revolutionary war. She also states that she cannot  
tell the names of the said Isaac Bitter's officers or when  
he entered the army. She also states that her said  
late husband Isaac Bitter was a pensioner and that his  
certificate of pension a copy of which she has in her  
possession was in <sup>words &</sup> figures following & to wit:  
No 10,807 War Department, Revolutionary Claim  
I certify that in conformity with the law of the United  
States of the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, Isaac Bitter late a private in the  
Army of the Revolution is enrolled on the pension list,  
Roll of the Vermont Army, at the rate of eight Dollars per  
month & commencing on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty two.

Given at the War office of the United States this Sixth day  
of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety -  
J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War

She also states that she is now a pensioner at the rate  
of sixty six Dollars per annum under the act of February 3<sup>d</sup>  
1853. and that her certificate of Pension is in words and  
figures following, & to wit:  
Department of the Interior, Widows Pension.

I certify that in conformity with the 8<sup>th</sup> section of the act of February 3, 1863. Jane Ritter widow of Sam Ritter who was a private in the revolutionary war, is enrolled on the pension list at the rate of thirty six Dollars and per annum commencing on the 3<sup>d</sup> of February, 1863 and continuing for life, unless she should again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the term of such marriage.

Given at the Department of the Interior this fifteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

R. A. Belland

Secretary of the Interior

Examined & Counterigned

A. P. Wells Commissioner of Pensions.

That is an endorsement on the back of said certificate the name is "recorded in the Pension Office on the roll of Pensioners under the act February 3<sup>d</sup> 1863. Page 33 Vol. 1<sup>st</sup>."

She further states that she was married to the said Sam Ritter in Weston of Maine on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January AD 1821. by Peter Read Minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Jane Ross. that her said husband died at Weston of Maine, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and forty nine and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land & which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3<sup>d</sup> 1855.

Jane Ritter

McSamuel Peabody and Betsey Peabody residents of Weston of Maine in the State of Vermont upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Jane Ritter in our presence and that we believe from this appearance and statements of the applicant, that she



is the identical person she represents herself & her  
Samuel Peabody  
Betsey Peabody

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and  
submitted before me on the day and year above written;  
and I certify that I know the affiants & be credible  
persons; that the Claimant is the person she represents  
herself & be, and that I have no interest in this Claim.  
Spencer W. Leonard Notary Public

Windsor County } Be it remembered that at Weston in the County  
aforesaid on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of  
of our Lord, 1821 Dear Ezra Bitter of Ludlow in the County of  
Windsor and State of Vermont and Mrs Jane B. of Weston  
in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont were duly joined  
in marriage by me, Peter Brad. Minister.

Received to record March 5<sup>th</sup> 1821, and truly recorded by me,  
Jesse Bailey Town Clerk

A true Copy of Record Attest Artemas Sprafford Town  
Ludlow May 18<sup>th</sup> 1855 Clerk.

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Ezra Kitter died August six<sup>th</sup> in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine  
A true Record

Attest Samuel Peabody Jr. Town Clerk.  
The above is a true copy of the record in the Town Clerk's office in the  
town of Weston in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont.

Attest Saml Peabody, Town Clerk of Weston

State of Vermont

Windsor County

The above affidavit was sworn to and submitted  
before me in due form of law on the ninth day of  
April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five  
and I hereby certify that I know the said Samuel Peabody  
to be a person of good reputation and a credible witness  
Spencer H. Leonard Notary Public

STATE OF VERMONT,

WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.



I, NORMAN WILLIAMS, Clerk of the County Court of the  
County of Windsor, in the State of Vermont, do hereby certify  
that Spencer H. Leonard was, at the  
date of the paper writing to which this is attached, and still is, a

Notary Public

in and for said County, duly qualified to administer oaths and  
take the acknowledgment of deeds, and that his signature

is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at  
Woodstock, in said County of Windsor, this 20 day of June A.D. 1855

Norman Williams, Clerk.

*Att.*

*N. 2644*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, for the history of *Ezra Ritter*, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, the following is taken from the *Solomon's* claim for pension.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>May 1778</i>	<i>9 mos</i>	<i>Priv</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Marshall</i>	<i>Mass</i>

Battles engaged in, *none stated*

Residence of soldier at enlistment, *He enlisted in Framingham, Mass.*

Date of application for pension, *Apr 20, 1818. His claim was allowed.*

Residence at date of application, *Bedford Windsor Co, Vt.*

Age at date of application, *56 yrs. He died Aug. 6, 1849 at Weston, Vt.*

Remarks: *Soldier married Jan 17, 1821 in Weston, Vt. Jane Ross (widow of John E. Ross, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in the service at French Mills, Jan. 12, 1814). She was allowed pension on her application executed July 7, 1853, while living in Weston, Windsor Co, Vt. aged 78 yrs. In 1822 son Ezra C. Ritter aged 20 yrs. is referred to.*

Respectfully,

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Commissioner.



SERVICE

NUMBER

New York

Ritter, Frederick  
Elizabeth

N. 20026

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Dead

Paid at the Treasury under  
the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1838  
from 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 1839. to 21. Jan  
1840. the day of his death  
Agt notified 15 Oct 1840

24.086 24.971  
New York

Frederick Hutter

of Herkimer Co in the State of New York  
who was a Private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. commanded  
by Captain Phelps of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. ... in the New York  
line for 2 years

M 87  
d. 21 Jan 1840

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 100 Dollars 00 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of Oct.  
1833 and sent to C. H. Hutter  
Little Falls

Bears to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 33 \$250  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4. 1834 50

\$300

Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by Clerk  
Book E. Vol. 4. Page 118

July 4, 22.  
 New York  
 Elizabeth Ritter  
 widow of Frederick Ritter  
 N.Y.  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *matron*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
 100 Dollars 00

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
 29 day of Dec. 48  
 and sent to

Hon. W. Putnam  
 Secy of War

recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
 February 2, 1848, Page 175 Vol. 4

Increased from  
 \$45.14

Report  
 Sent to Hon. J. Leake  
 Jan 6, 49  
 1857. Dec 24, Sent to Hon. J. C. Gilmer

Died Feb 9-1854



**Pennion Office.**

May 16 1837

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: { ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

Co. 4. York

Period during which the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
1780 to 1783	3				Private Capt. Phelps Capt. Moody Genl. Knox Capt. Swanwick Capt. Johnson	68 years Haverhill Mass N. York	Dying witness Traditional Evidence

Your obedient servant

**J. L. EDWARDS.**

**Commissioner of Pensions.**

public. I cannot be admitted to the  
business unless he guarantees the  
proof of his service.

State of New York  
Herkimer County

Henry Ritter of the town of Manheim in said county and state being duly sworn before the court of Common Pleas of the said county, doth depose and say that he was a soldier of the revolution and is now seventy three years of age, and that Frederick Ritter is his brother, and was also a soldier in the revolution and entered the service as a substitute in the place of the deponent as a nine months man in April in the year 1780 into Captain Phelps' company at Niskeunah near Albany & that he joined the company he believes, at Saratoga - that he verily believes that he served till October in the same year & that enlistment as he heard from him several times during that time - that afterwards he saw said Frederick Ritter on duty at West Point in the Artillery, and deponent verily believes he served till some time after the war, as he did not come home to stay till in October 1783 - deponent further saith that his said brother Frederick is sixty eight years of age, and that deponent has been acquainted with him familiarly ever since the war and knows his character for veracity to be good in the neighborhood where he resides -

Sworn to in Open Court

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1832

Henry Ritter

John C. Nelson Clerk

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act  
of Congress, passed June 7-1832.

State of New York

Kirkman County 1- On this twelfth day of October  
in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty  
two personally appeared in open Court before

Michael Hoffman first judge

John Mahan & Augustus Branden

The Judges

of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Kirkman  
were sitting Frederick Rutter, a resident of the town  
of Salisbury in the county & state aforesaid, aged  
sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn accor-  
ding to law doth on this oath make the following  
declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act  
of Congress passed June 7-1832 -

That he entered the service of the United States  
under the following named officers & served as herein  
in stated - That on the fourth day of April in the  
year 1780 he entered the service of the United  
States as a substitute in the place of his Brother  
Henry Rutter who had listed for nine months into  
a company commanded by Captain Phelps - The  
troops were called the New York line of nine months  
men. That he joined the company at Saratoga, and  
at the same time some of the Continental troops lay  
there, from that place he & his company went to  
Albany, from there to Foxhill & then to West Point  
down the river <sup>But for some</sup> - ~~there was an~~ Artillery company -  
When the company got to West Point it was divided and  
the applicant was joined to Captain Moody's Company  
of Artillery - <sup>Cunningham</sup> the lieutenant's name was, Arme-  
strong - That he remained at West Point, doing duty  
in the garrison till the 8th of October General Ruess



commanded there - On the 8th of October 1780, with  
the consent of Gen. Mifflin he & several others of his  
company <sup>into</sup> ~~listed~~ Captain Moody's company  
<sup>of the 6th Mass. Regiment</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>of the 6th Mass. Regiment</sup> Captain Swarthout's company of Artillery for  
three years, at West Point - That he continued on duty  
at West Point during the war and did not leave  
there till he went down to New York when the  
British evacuated that place - That his employment  
at West Point was to work in the powder house where  
he had the care of a party of men & did the duty of  
Bombardier - That he was employed in this party in  
drying powder, making cartridges, storing away guns  
such other work as was necessary to be done in relation  
that occupation - When New York was delivered up to  
the Americans, all the music at West Point, several  
companies of Artillery and a guard of about two  
hundred men went down to that city and had  
a rejoicing there, and he (Ritter) assisted in the  
display of fire works, and other demonstrations of  
joy on that occasion - Stayed in New York about  
two weeks & returned back to West Point where  
he & his company & other companies were employed in  
dismounting the cannon and storing them away  
in the barracks, & burning the condemned carriages,  
and went & got a part of the "Great Chain" that  
was across the Hudson River & put it into  
the bottom of the barracks - It took two men to  
carry one link of that chain - Sometimes two good  
strong fellows could carry three links - This employment  
continued till the 8th of October 1783 & after the war  
had been for sometime closed on which day they were  
discharged and he returned home - He was discharged  
by Captain Pherson

That he was born in the <sup>Herkimer</sup> town of ~~Manheim~~ in  
Herkimer County, State of New York in the year 1764.  
as he calculates by his age which is 68 years -  
That he has not himself any record of his age, but there  
is one in his father's family bible now in the possession of  
his Brother Henry Ritter -

When he first entered the service he lived at Middleburgh  
between Schoenstadt & Albany, after he left service he came  
back to Manheim in Herkimer County where he lived  
till about 16 years ago when he removed to Salisbury in  
the same county where he has ever since resided &  
where he now resides -

That he was called into the service as a substitute  
for his brother Henry Ritter <sup>before</sup> ~~and after~~ expiration of his term  
list for three years, & served as in his statement mentioned -  
That he can name as some of the regular officers who were  
with the troops where he served; Colonel Millet; Colonel  
Lamb; Major Burman; Major Doughty; General  
Knox; Colonel Crains regiment of artillery laid at West  
Point when he was there; Lafayette was at West Point  
while applicant was there & General Washington -

That he did receive a discharge from service from  
Captain Johnson at West Point, that he kept it as much  
as ten or twelve years, when it accidentally got, as he sus-  
pects, into the possession of one Esq. Shurtleff who is now dead  
He <sup>now</sup> ~~has~~ removed to some place in Canada & he  
cannot now obtain it, but he is not positive that  
said Shurtleff did have it; but he cannot now find it  
or it has been gone many years.

That he is known to <sup>Elijah Stanton</sup> Henry Ritter & to William Feater  
in his present neighborhood who can testify to his  
character for veracity & then belief of his services as  
a soldier of the revolution - But he is unable to pro-  
duce a witness in court or to find a witness who can



give a detailed statement of the services of this de-  
ponent either as a nine months man or as a soldier  
under his enlistment for three years - that he does not  
know of any such wrong doing, and he has produced  
the best witnesses that he has been able to discover.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a  
pension or annuity except the present & declares that  
his name is not on the pension roll of the agency  
of any state.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
Julius C. Nelson Clerk Frederick Ritter  
mark

We, William Foster and Elijah Stanton the first  
residing in the town of Little Falls and the last residing in the town of Fairfield, both  
in the county of Herkimer hereby certify that we are well acquai-  
nted with Frederick Ritter who has subscribed and  
sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him  
to be sixty eight years of age; and that he is reputed and  
believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been  
a soldier of the revolution that we are in that  
opinion.

Sworn to in Open Court  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1832

William Foster

Elijah Stanton

Julius C. Nelson Clerk

And the said courts do hereby declare their  
opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after  
putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War de-  
partment, that the above named applicant



State of New York  
County of Herkimer

§: On this fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Herkimer the same being a Court of record having by law a Clerk and Seal Elizabeth Ritter a resident of the Town of Salisbury in the said County of Herkimer aged twenty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7. 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pension to certain widows": That she is the widow of Frederick Ritter deceased who was a private of artillery in the revolutionary Army as she was informed by her said husband in his lifetime and believes to be true; and she further declares that her said husband before and at the time of his death was a revolutionary pensioner of the United States and was entitled to receive a pension of one hundred dollars annually as appears by his pension Certificate now in her possession given at the War Office of the United States this 19 day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty three and signed Sub. Capt. Constant J. War and examined and countersigned J. L. Edwards Commissioner of pensioners and numbered 24071 - she further declares that as she is informed and believes the declaration of her said husband and the accompanying proofs on which said pension was granted to him are on file in the War Office or pension office of the United States and she

prays that the same may be referred to and  
used in support of her claim to a pension as the  
widow of her said husband -

And she further declares that she was married  
to the said Frederick Ritter on the eleventh day  
of April in the year seventeen hundred and  
eighty seven; that her husband the aforesaid  
Frederick Ritter died at Salisbury in the  
said County of the same on the twenty first day  
of January in the year one thousand eight  
hundred and forty that she was not  
married to him prior to his leaving the Union  
but the marriage took place previous to the first  
day of January seventeen hundred and ninety  
four viz a the time above stated as appears  
from the proof then of hereto annexed -

Subscribed & sworn to  
in open Court June 4. 1840

E. A. Johnson

Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth Ritter  
mark

State of New York sp. Abraham Rosecrants  
County of Herkimer 3  
of the Town of Little Falls in the said  
County of Herkimer being duly sworn  
do the depose and say that his personal  
representation of son of George Rosecrants deceased  
who was the son of the Reverend Abraham Rosecrants  
deceased who in his lifetime was the minister of the Reformed  
protestant Dutch Church of Herkimer & Germanflatts; that  
he was, always informed and believed and now believes, that his  
said grandfather as such minister solemnized marriages, and  
kept a record of marriages, by him solemnized in a Book  
which said Book of records, was after the decease of his said  
grandfather in the possession of his said father the aforesaid  
George Rosecrants until his decease; which said book  
he in the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1838 and since then the said  
Book of records has been and is now in the possession of this  
deponent he being the executor of the said George Rosecrants  
deceased that he has this day examined the said book  
of records of marriages, and finds an entry therein that  
in seventeen hundred and eighty seven the seventh day of  
April Frederick Ritter was married to Elizabeth Seuffer  
Sypher that the said entry of said marriage in said  
record is in the following words and figures, to wit  
1687. A. 11<sup>th</sup> Apr. Frederick Ritter in. Elizabeth Seuffer  
and this deponent further says that he has <sup>above</sup> made a fac simile in shape  
& form as near as he could of the figures for the year & the said  
figures 1687. It is further to be noted that the year  
1787 became at the top of the page of the said book where said  
record is made the figures "1786" are plain & distinct and  
on the opposite page on the left hand the figures at the top "1786"  
are plain & distinct and at the top of the page following the  
said record of said marriage the figures "1787" are plain  
& distinct and this deponent further says that said  
record of marriages commences 1781 and is continued  
regularly from year to year to 1795 inclusive and



this deponent therefore believes that the said character of which a few simile is given as aforesaid are intended for the year "1787" which appears as a faint midway between the top and bottom of the page; and this deponent further says the entry of the month & day of the month to wit 11<sup>th</sup> Apr<sup>y</sup> in the record of said marriage is partially obscured by blotting before the ink of said figures "11<sup>th</sup>" and the "Apr<sup>y</sup>" became dry as appears from an inspection of the same this deponent believes the record is 11<sup>th</sup> April and that said record of said marriage is truly as follows:

"1787 A. 11<sup>th</sup> Apr<sup>y</sup> Friedrich Ritter in Elisabeth Seuffer"  
 Sworn & Subscribed Abraham G. Rosenberg  
 this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March  
 1840 before me

A. Loomis first Deputy of Herkimer Co.  
 & late Representative in Congress from  
 Herkimer County N.Y.

State of New York  
 Herkimer County



I hereby certify that A. Loomis Esq. was on the day of the date of the above affidavit first judge of Herkimer County Court in and for Seneca County duly elected & qualified and further that I am well acquainted with his handwriting & truly believe that the

for signature purporting to be his is genuine.  
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Seneca County this fourth day of June A.D. 1840.  
 E. A. Johnson Deputy  
 for John D. J. Clerk

7/113  
 In the matter of  
 Elizabeth Ritter  
 for a pension

Application &  
 proofs

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 E. A. Johnson  
 Notary Public  
 N.Y.

SERVICE

NUMBER

New York

Ritter, Henry

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Henry Ritter

Herkimer Co in the State of New York  
was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Damsword of the Regt. commanded  
by Col Ganessort in the New York Militia  
line for 24 months

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 80 Dollars — Cents per annum.  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May  
1834 and sent to  
George H. Fetter Esq. L. Falls  
bears to the 4th of March 1834  
semi-ann. allowance ending Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 34

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Revolutionary Claim,  
As of June 7, 1832.



WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: { ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Henry Ritter Herkimer County New York

Period when the service is rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
Enlisted (1775) in the State (1776)	about 1	-	-	Ranker	Capt. Danenwood	73 years	Traditionary Evidence during service Credible - no disjunctive convenient, applicant unable to appear in Court - two living witnesses
Drafted (1776) (1777)	not stated	-	-	Ranker	Capt. Gotman	Manheim Herkimer County New York.	
Enlisted Aug 1777	not stated	-	-	private	Capt. Deborset, Colonel Jameswort		
Enlisted 1779	about 1	-	-	-	not named		
Enlisted 1780	-	-	-	-	Capt. Phelps		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

State of New York

Westchester County ss - Frederick Ritter, of the town of  
Talsbury in said County, and State being duly  
sworn before the County of ~~Westchester~~ ~~County~~, doth depose and say, that he is now sixty  
eight years of age, and was a soldier of the rev-  
olution in the latter part of the war, and is the brother  
of Henry Ritter of Mamaroneck in said County - That  
he knows his brother Henry listed into Captain Marks  
Daneewoods Company of rangers, and as he was stationed  
near home he knows said Henry did actually  
serve in said company and served the first time as  
much as a year but he cannot state the year -  
That he knows that said Henry Ritter went as a soldier  
in the winter to Tycondroga, and was gone from home  
several months but cannot state precisely the time  
That he also knows his said brother after he came  
back from Tycondroga immediately listed again  
and knows he went to Caughnewaga, and knows that  
that year he went to Fort Stanwix (1777) as deponent  
was there and saw said Henry Ritter on duty at  
said fort, and that said Henry was on service at  
Fort Stanwix as much as a year or more - That  
deponents father was killed at Brinkley in battle, and his  
mother died while said Henry was on duty at Fort  
Stanwix, then the children, of which deponent was one  
(being then about thirteen years old) were left with no pro-  
tector but an aged uniform grandfather, & that his  
said brother left the service to take care of the family -  
That he knows his grandfather & said Henry went to  
Philadelphia to the committee of safety to get the said  
Henry discharged - That he knows that his said  
brother Henry in the year 1780 listed again at West-

Remains for nine months into Captain Phelps com-  
pany, but as his brother was wanted at home, this  
deponent took the place of his brother in this com-  
pany and performed the service that his brother was  
designed to do - They went first to Saratoga, & there  
he with others were drafted out of that company to  
Captain Moody's company of Artillery & went to  
West Point - They were called New Levies - That he  
has always been informed & believes true (as states the  
record of his father) that his said brother Henry is five  
years older than deponent, and that said Henry is  
seventy three years of age - that he has heard the  
statement of said Henry's services read & so far forth  
as he is knowing to the contents therein stated he knows  
the same to be correct & true - and that his said  
brother has always sustained a good character for  
truth & veracity & F. Andrew <sup>his</sup> Pitter  
mark

subscribed & sworn

This 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1893  
before me Augustus Heard as  
a Judge of Berkshire County  
Mass



Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act  
of Congress passed April 7-1832.

State of New York

Herkimer County, I, the thirty-second day of February  
in the year one thousand eight hundred thirty three  
personally appeared in open court before the Justices  
Brandsby one of the Judges

of the said Court of Common Pleas of the said County  
~~now sitting~~, Henry Ritter, a resident of the town of  
Manheim in said County, aged twenty three years  
who being first duly sworn according to law, doth  
on his oath make the following declaration in  
order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress  
passed June 7. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under  
the following named officers and served as here-  
in stated - That in the winter of the years 1775 & 1776  
he listed into Captain Marks Dancewood's Company of  
Rangers and the company was stationed in the town  
of Manheim in said County. The Lieutenant was Rob-  
ert Gordon does not recollect the ensign - That he did  
not list for any special time, but was bound to serve till  
regularly discharged - That the company was employ-  
ed in scouting into different parts of the County of Herki-  
mer, to watch the enemy and ascertain whether they  
were in danger from them, & to prevent them from  
committing depredations upon the farms & dwellings  
which they often did to destroy the barns & provisions  
of the inhabitants, burn their houses, & take prisoners.  
That he remained at that place in that employment  
during that winter & the succeeding spring & summer  
until about the middle or a little before of the winter  
of the year 1776 & 7, when he was drafted with about

half of his Company, into another Company at Stone  
Arabic, commanded by Captain Gutmans. They  
were also engaged, to go to Tyconderoga, to build a  
sinking bridge across from Mount Independence  
to the fort in order to prevent the British shipping  
from passing up. That he & that Company went to  
Tyconderoga and got there about the first of <sup>February</sup> ~~January~~.  
When they arrived the bridge was under considerable  
progress, the ice was yet thick on the Lake. That this  
bridge was built of pine saw logs, dovetailed together  
about twelve feet wide, and was built on the ice & the  
logs laid up about eighteen feet high, and the inside  
was filled with stone, it had a floor inside of logs, and  
when finished, the ice was cut away & it sunk down  
and left two or three feet high of the bridge above the water  
on which string pieces were laid. That he remained  
as much as two or three months at Tyconderoga, when  
he came home to Mannheim with several others, the  
ice having broken up so that they could not work. The  
Company was discharged when he came home. In the  
Spring of the year 1777 immediately after he returned  
from Tyconderoga, he listed into a company com-  
manded by Captain Henry Deloubert, which belonged to Col-  
onel Gausevoort's regiment. That he met the com-  
pany near Canajoharie, Colonel Gausevoort was  
on his way to Fort Stanwix. He listed this time for  
three years. That he went on with the regiment to  
Fort Stanwix, where they had just begun to build  
that fort, and he & the soldiers worked there and fin-  
ished it. It was not quite done when the enemy  
under Barry St Leger came on. They did not retreat  
"nor give up the Ship" but kept the fort, and fought  
like courageous bull dogs, taking especial care to keep

within the Pickets - That St Leger laid before the fort as much as twenty days; and was firing against into the fort, & the Americans returned the compliment with bold hearts, & determined resolution not to surrender - That he thinks St Leger came to Fort Stanwix about the first of August 1777 - Colonel Mallet was there, but he does not know whether that officer came there when Gausewort did, or afterwards - When St Leger raised the siege, which was a very sudden movement of his, the Americans went out of the fort & captured their Ammunition, Cannon, Shells, baggage & some prisoners & carried them into the fort - That he saw Hanvost Schuyler, the Tory spy, when he came into the fort, and told Col. Gausewort that St Leger & his troops were all in confusion & that there was his time to turn out & give him battle; & then they did turn out & the enemy only run; did not pretend to fight back - That he remained at Fort Stanwix till the next spring, being the Spring of 1778 (but he cannot state the month) when he received notice of the death of his mother, his father having been previously killed in the Brinkley battle, and came home on a furlough, where he found his old grandfather, taking care of his late parent's children who were small (applicant being the eldest) - That then, he, & his aged grandfather, went down to Palatine to the safety committee, and made a statement of the destitute and helpless condition of his father's family (the grandfather being unable from extreme age to maintain his grand children & protect them in these turbulent times) - When they arrived at Palatine they went before the Committee of safety, and the committee, after hearing his statement, told one John Cramer, a Tory who had been arrested & whom



the committee were going to hang, that, if he might take his choice, to be hung, or take the place of the applicant, and the said tory, chose to take the place of the applicant and save his neck, from the halter, which was ready in the hands of one of the committee to be used without delay, if he should choose to be hanged. The Committee then gave said John Cramer into the custody of said applicant and his said grandfather, who took him to Fort Stanwix, and made a representation of his case to Colonel Gausevoort, who was reluctant to discharge the applicant and take a tory in his place; but, on the representation of the distressful & helpless condition of his father's family, the Colonel consented, and discharged the applicant (Henry Pitten) and accepted the said John Cramer, and then the applicant went home, and he thinks it was in April 1778 when he was dismissed & went home. He remained at home for about a year working out by day's work, to maintain his seven brothers & sisters, but the indians were continually making incursions into the neighborhood, and often killing his neighbors, & plundering them, and it became so unsafe to remain there, that he took them & retreated to Palatine, where there was a fort near the present site of the Palatine stone Church. At this place he again went into the militia which was in the spring of the year 1779. where he remained about a year or more and were ordered to keep in readiness at a moments warning, to go out on scouts, & to expell the appearance of indians, & to spy out the situation of the indians. In the summer of that year the enemy, indians, tories & hunter's troops he thinks, commanded by Sir, John Hanson, came through that country, & Gen Van Rensselaer followed them on & that he (applicant) turned out & followed them & they fired upon them & the skirmish

continued till dark when Van Rensselaer drew of his men  
& permitted the enemy to go on unmolested. That  
the applicant believes, so was the general opinion at  
that time, that Van Rensselaer was about half tory  
himself; that had he done his duty the enemy might  
have been defeated; that Van Rensselaer was brother in  
law to the Commanding the enemy whom he then  
pretended to attack. After this & the failure in the year  
1780, he lasted again for nine months, at Miskessingbe  
two Schenectady & Albany near Troy, with Capt. Phelps com-  
pany, but, being wanted in his deceased father's family, his  
younger brother took his place, & he remained at home.  
That here the applicant's service ended.

That he was born at Stone Arabia in now County of  
Montgomery, in the year 1759.

That he has in his possession a record of his age kept by his father  
in the family Bible & it is now in his house.

That he was residing at home in Mannheim where he en-  
tered the service - since the revolutionary war he has  
resided in the town of Mannheim in Herkimer and  
now resides there.

That he entered the service by voluntary enlistment &  
was once drafted, as stated in the previous part of his state-  
ment.

That the names of some of the regular officers in service where  
he was, are, Colonel Klock, General Ganswort, Colonel  
Willet, Colonel Van Schaick, Major Andrews, French, Colonel  
Cox, Major Lyoler, General Nicholas Herkimer.

That he never received a discharge in writing.

That he is known to Frederick Ritten, <sup>signed</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~himself~~  
~~who~~ <sup>who</sup> resides in his present neighborhood and who  
can testify as to his character for veracity and  
truthfulness of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Deponent saith his health is so bad that it is impossible for him to attend court to make this application in open court and there is not now any clergyman in his vicinity who has resided there long enough to know any thing on the subject of this application & merits thereof -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Subscribed & sworn

Henry Ritter

This 22 Day of Feb 1833

before me Augustus Beardslee

a Judge of Herkimer Court Pleas

We Frederick Ritter and <sup>James Rankins</sup> ~~William Rankins~~ both residing in the county of Herkimer, the first in the town of Man-  
Herkimer, the latter in the town of Little Falls, hereby certify

that we are well acquainted with Henry Ritter who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy three years of age; that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that we concur in that opinion -

Subscribed & sworn this 22

~~William Rankins~~

Day of February 1833 before me Frederick Ritter

Augustus Beardslee a Judge of  
Herkimer Court Pleas

<sup>mark</sup> James Rankins

and I Augustus Beardslee a Judge of  
Herkimer Court Pleas  
opinion, after the investigation of the matter after  
putting the investigation prescribed by the war

department, that the above named Applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he

states; And the Court further certifies that it ap-

pears to them, that Frederick Ritter who has signed

the preceding certificate, resides at <sup>Little Falls</sup> ~~Manhasset~~ in

Herkimer county, and that ~~William Rankins~~

James Rankins



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

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In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
for a statement of the military history of *Henry Peter*  
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
information as contained in his ~~(or his widow's)~~ application for pen-  
sion on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>1775</i>	<i>See record at various times in all 2 yrs.</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Mark Darnwood</i>	<i>Gov</i>	<i>NY</i>
			<i>John</i>	<i>Pellenger</i>	
			<i>Henry Debut</i>	<i>Ransworth</i>	

Battles engaged in, *Stamnis*  
Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Manheim NY*  
Date of application for pension, *Apr 5, 1833* *His age was abt*  
Residence at date of application, *Manheim NY*  
Age at date of application, *born at Stone Arabia NY in 1789*  
Remarks: *It is not stated whether he was*  
*married*

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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*1872*  
*1759*  
*JS*

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Penn.

Ritter, Jacob

S. 9080.

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32722 <sup>Potts</sup>  
<sup>Phila</sup>  
Pennsylvania.

Jacob Ritter dec'd

Colonel C<sup>o</sup> in the State of Penn a

who was a private in the Comp<sup>y</sup> com<sup>d</sup>

by Captain \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ com<sup>d</sup>

by \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

line for \_\_\_\_\_

Inscribed on the Roll of <sup>Philadelphia</sup> ~~Pittsburgh~~

at the rate of 20 Dollars 00 Cents p

to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1831. <sup>and to</sup>

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1841, when he died.

Certificate of Pension issued the 4 day of M<sup>ch</sup>

1850

and sent to

Hon. M. B. Corwin, N.H.

Payable to my surviving children

Arrears to the 1<sup>st</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_ to wit,

Semi-annual allowance ending

Jacob Ritter, Mary Ball

John Ritter & Catharine Ritter

Recorded by <sup>Revolutionary Claim,</sup> <sup>Act June 7, 1832.</sup> J. D. Chase Clerk.

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<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> To the Honorable George W. Crawford Secretary  
of War.

<sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup> The Petition of Jacob Ritter of Columbia<sup>no</sup>  
County in the State of ~~Ohio~~ <sup>xxxxxxx</sup> and of Abraham  
Ball and Mary Ball his wife of Carroll County in  
the same State in right of the said Mary respectful-  
ly represents.

<sup>3<sup>d</sup></sup> That your Petitioners Jacob Ritter and Mary  
Ball are two of the children of Jacob Ritter, the  
elder, late of Montgomery County, but formerly  
of Bucks County, in the State of Pennsylvania,  
deceased.

<sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> That the said Jacob Ritter, the elder, died  
on the <sup>15<sup>th</sup></sup> Fifteenth day of December Anno Domini  
One thousand eight hundred and forty one,  
leaving no widow, but four children, to wit, your  
petitioners and Job Ritter and Catharine Ritter  
and no other children nor any issue of deceased  
children.

<sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> That the said Job Ritter has duly ob-  
tained letters testamentary of the last will and  
testament of the said Jacob Ritter, the elder, but  
refuses to present, or join in this or any <sup>similar</sup> petition.

<sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> That the said Jacob Ritter, the elder,  
entered the service of the United States during  
the Revolutionary War, as a Militia man from  
the County of Bucks in the State of Pennsyl-  
-vania, sometime before the Battle of the Brandy-  
-wine at Chadsford. That he was in that battle,  
and was there taken prisoner by the British —  
who incarcerated him in the Philadelphia  
Prail. <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> That he was in the service of the United  
States for upwards of a year and was then  
honorably discharged, in proof whereof your

petitioners crave leave to refer to the accompanying documents.

That neither the said Jacob Ritter, the elder, in his life time nor any one since, representing him, or his estate, obtained any pension, annuity or pay from the United States.

Your petitioners therefore pray that they may be allowed the arrears of any pension, annuity, or pay to which their said Father Jacob Ritter, the elder, was entitled, or any part thereof, if they should be deemed entitled to only a part thereof, and they thereby relinquish every claim to any other pension or annuity or any part thereof other than such as may now be allowed to them and they will ever pray &c.

Affirmed & Subscribed in  
open Court at Court at  
Circuit District of Penn<sup>a</sup>  
Sept. 6. 1844.  
J. L. L. L. L.  
Judge District Court

Jacob Ritter }  
Abraham Ball }  
Mary Ball }  
by their attorney  
in fact,  
Samuel S. Ritter

United States  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania. I certify that the Honorable John K. Kane, before whom the foregoing affirmation was made & who has subscribed the foregoing Certificate thereof, was at the time of taking said affirmation, and subscribing such Certificate, and still is Judge of the District Court of the United States in & for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, duly commissioned & qualified.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed the seal of said Court at Philadelphia this Sixth day of September (1844) in the Seventy fourth Year of the Independence of the said U.S.  
Thos. Neaplett  
Clerk Dist. Ct. pt.



In the matter of the application of the heirs of Jacob Ritter late of Montgomery County in the State of Pennsylvania ~~Deceased~~ for the Pension to which he was in his life time he was entitled.

State of Pennsylvania

Bucks County SS

John Ritter being duly sworn and according to law doth depose and say that he is a Brother of Jacob Ritter above mentioned that the said Jacob Ritter was born in Springfield Township in the county of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania the 14th day of April Anno Domini 1757 that he was twenty years of age when he entered the service of the United States then at war with Great Britain in the year Anno Domini 1777 and joined the Militia in the Pennsylvania line of troops that he marched to the Brandywine at Chad's Ford and joined the army under the command of Washington and Lafayette that he was in the battle of Brandywine was taken prisoner by the British and imprisoned in Philadelphia for a considerable time when he was discharged and returned home he was in the service of the United States eight months and upwards subsequently to his return home he moved to Montgomery County before mentioned and ~~Deceased~~ in Plymouth Township in the said county on the 25th day of December Anno Domini 1841 that he the said Jacob Ritter left no widow but James John Chitman to wit Jacob May intermarried with Abraham Ball, Job and Catharine, Jacob Ritter in Columbiana County State of Ohio and many intermarried to Abraham Ball resides in Carroll County and State of Ohio and Job and Catharine resides in Montgomery County and State of Pennsylvania Dependent further states that it was his belief for some time that the said Jacob Ritter was killed in battle and his return home was entirely unexpected by all his friends.



Being old in age and sickness in my family it would be inconvenient for me to attend in open court to the Examination by the Jury. I can not state the state the officer that he was under the command being it so long.

opposed and sedition

Keegan me the 13th day of  
February AD 1850.

John B. Cooper, 1860

Giuseppe Ritter

State of Maryland

Blanche G. G. J. S.

Could I, Bucks. duty elected. Commissioner and  
qualified to act as such and I believe the Secretary  
simpliciter to be his to be again.

ad Lytle. in said Court this 1 day of  
March, A.D. one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty

W. E. Jones & Son

In the Matter of the application of the heirs of Jacob  
Pittier late of Montgomery county in the state of Pennsylvania  
Decedent for the Pension to which he was in his life time  
he was entitled

State of Pennsylvania } Philip Pittier being duly sworn  
Bucks County SS } according to Law doth depose and  
say he is a Brother of Jacob Pittier

above mentioned he was born the 14th day of April AD 1757  
I know that my Brother Jacob Pittier was in the service of  
the United States in the Revolutionary war and was in the  
battle of Brandywine from what I know he was in the service  
more than one year & was going at the time I recollect that  
we were apart he never would return he was gone  
so long it was known to all the people in the neighborhood  
at the time that Jacob was in the Revolutionary army I  
have often seen the musket in my Father's home which  
he brought home he died the 15th day of December AD 1841  
that the said Jacob Pittier left no widow but leaves four  
children namely to wit Jacob Mary Catharine and John  
Jacob Pittier resides in Clumburne County state of Ohio  
Mary resides in Carroll county and state of Ohio  
Catharine and John resides in Montgomery county state  
of Pennsylvania and my Brother Jacob Pittier was born  
in Springfield Township Bucks County State of Pennsylvania  
the time above mentioned It being inconvenient to go before  
the Judge of the court to have my Deposition taken  
and further do with not  
affirm and subscribe  
before me the 13th day of  
February AD 1850

affilil R. H. H.

John B. Meyers J. D.

Wm. Pennsylvania  
Bucks County S.D.



I, Wm. James Pittman  
of the Court of Common Pleas  
in and for said County  
do hereby certify that John  
Pittman Esq. is of this  
County and was at the time

of the within & per  
Justice of the Peace & said County of Bucks  
County Clerk, Commissioner, and qualified to act  
as such and I believe the signature to be genuine  
to be the same.

Witness my hand and seal  
at Philadelphia in said County this 1st  
day of March A.D. one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty

Wm. James Pittman



In the Matter of the Application of the heirs of Jacob Ritten  
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county on the 15th day of December AD 1841 that he the said  
Jacob Ritten left no widow but Issues four children to  
wit Jacob Mary intermarried to Abraham Ball Job and  
Catherine Jacob Ritten resides in Columbiana county State  
of Ohio and Mary intermarried to Abraham Ball resides  
in Carroll county and State of Ohio and Job and Catherine  
resides in Montgomery county and State of Pennsylvania  
Deposant further states that it was his belief for some time  
that the said Jacob Ritten was killed in Battle and his  
return home was entirely unexpected by all his friends  
Being old in age and sickly in my family it would  
be inconvenient for me to attend in open court to the  
Examination of the said Depo-  
sant

I can not state the officers name that he was under  
command it being so long,  
afforded me the 13th day  
of Febry 1880

Joseph B. Rittner

John B. Rittner J.D.

State of Maryland  
1880



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the  
sum of money paid in aid of  
said cause. The receipt of the  
Baltimore Co. is also in time and  
at the time of the receipt of the  
check of the same.

and I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the  
sum of money paid in aid of  
said cause. The receipt of the  
Baltimore Co. is also in time and  
at the time of the receipt of the  
check of the same.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Annapolis  
this 13th day of March A.D.  
One thousand eight hundred and eight

John B. Rittner J.D.

Rev. and 1812  
Wars Section

MCS/RECE

January 10, 1930.

Mr. Artie E. Holt  
5939 Trinity Street  
West Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim J. 9080, it appears that Jacob Ritter was born April 14, 1757 in Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

He enlisted in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, sometime before the battle of Brandywine. He was in that battle and the next morning was taken prisoner by a party of Hessians and placed in prison in Philadelphia. He was released after a petition was made by some of his friends. It was stated that he served "eight months and upwards" under Washington and La Fayette. In the papers of said pension claim is filed a report, made by the Auditor General's Office, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1850, which shows that one Jacob Ritter of the Fourth Battalion, Captain Adam Poulk's Company, was paid August 12, 1782. It cannot be determined whether this is the same Jacob Ritter who performed the above noted service. No further reference is made to the officers under whom Jacob Ritter served.

He married in the spring of 1777.

He died December 15, 1841 in Plymouth Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and left no widow.

He was survived by the following children:

Jacob	who was a resident of	Columbiana	County, Ohio
Job Ritter	" " " "	Montgomery	County, Pennsylvania
Catharine Ritter	" " " "	Montgomery	County, Pennsylvania
Mary, wife of Abraham Hall	of	Carroll	County, Ohio.

On an application executed September 6, 1849, the pension that was due on account of the Revolutionary War service of Jacob Ritter was paid to the above mentioned children of that soldier.

Very truly yours,

EARL D. CHURCH  
Commissioner.



SERVICE

New York

Ritter, Killian  
Hannah

NUMBER

W. 18.815  
B.L. No. 26019-160.55

CONTENTS

1737

New York

William Ritter

of Canajoharie in the State of N. York  
who was a private in the Compt. commanded  
by Captain Bartholomy of the Regt. commanded  
by Co. Harper in the New York  
line for 9 mo. in 1777. In Hecby Co.  
H. room's regt 9 mo. '78. and  
1 mo. in Hagers company  
in '79

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 56 Dollars 66 Cents per ann.  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17 day of October  
1832 and sent to Willard C. Whaler

Arrears to 4th of Sept. 1832 \$ 84<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
Pension allowance ending 1st Mar '32. 28<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
\$ 113<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Geo. W. Cump Clerk,  
Book D Vol. 5 Page 131

Reported

250.

New York Albany.  
Hannah Ritter  
widow of William Ritter  
N.Y.  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a private

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
50 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
16 day of June 1848  
and sent to

Am Geo Petrie  
HofR

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
February 2, 1848, Page 175 Vol. 4,

Ms. 55-11107



11.107. Schellbach 8/55  
March 22/55

Hannah Kitter widow  
William Kitter Pri

Revolutionary Pension

No 26 of May 16/55

Ad. 1000 May 1875  
Brython

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Car. E. Morris  
Pension

Sh. E. Morris June 20/55  
" " C. Morris  
2 July 1875

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State of New York }  
Montgomery County } On this sixteenth day of  
March A D one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty five personally appeared before me  
Daniel Dewey a justice of the peace

within and for the County  
and State aforesaid. Hannah Ritter  
aged 89 years a resident of Ames in the State of  
New York, who being duly sworn according to law  
declares that she is the widow of William Ritter  
deceased, and is now a pensioner as his widow  
for service rendered by him in the war of the  
Revolution as will fully appear by the proof now  
on file in the pension office

She makes this declaration for the purpose of  
obtaining the Bounty land to which she may  
be entitled under the act approved March  
3d 1855

in presence of  
Daniel Dewey  
Elyon Elliot

Hannah X Ritter  
mark

State of New York.

Montgomery County. On this 25<sup>th</sup>

day of

September 1838 personally appeared before me  
Hannah Ritter a Resident of the town of  
Carrago Hill in the County of Montgomery and  
State of New York aged seventy five years  
as her living first Act, sworn according  
to law doth on her oath make the follow-  
ing declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the provisions made by the  
act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838

that she is the widow of William  
Ritter who was a private in the war of the  
Revolution and was a Pensioner under the  
act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

she further declares that she was  
married to the said William Ritter in  
the month of July in the year one thousand  
hundred and eighty two at the City of  
Albany by the Reverend Samuel Green  
long since deceased and that she has no  
knowledge of any record having been  
kept of said marriage

And further she declares that her hus-  
band the aforesaid William Ritter died at  
Carrago Hill in the County of Montgomery on the  
seventh day of June One thousand eight  
hundred and thirty five and that she has  
remained a widow ever since as will  
more fully appear by reference to prior  
decrees annexed

Sworn and subscribed on this  
day and year first above written  
before me

Hannah Ritter  
mark

J. H. Loria Judge of  
Montgomery County Courts  
being a court of Record



State of New York  
County of Montgomery

On the Sixth day of August  
in year 1832 personally appeared before Henry  
J. Biefendorf Esq one of the judges of the Court  
of Common Pleas in and for said County of  
Montgomery, William Kitter (or as is sometimes  
written Ridder) a resident of Canajoharie  
in the County of Montgomery, and State of  
New York aged about seventy six years, who  
being first duly sworn according to law, doth,  
on his oath, make the following declaration,  
in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress  
passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he was born in what was then called  
East Camp in Dutchess County about the year  
1756 he cannot say positively as the records of  
his age were burned during the revolution  
in Schenectady, that he removed to Charlotte  
River near the present line between the Counties  
of Delaware and Schenectady in the year 1775  
that he entered the service of the United States  
under the following named officers, and served  
as herein stated, That on the first of ~~March~~  
April ~~March~~ in the year 1777 he enlisted in a Com-  
pany of rangers commanded by Captain Jo-  
seph Bartholomew in a Regiment command-  
ed by Col John Harper ~~of the New York~~  
line for the term of nine months, that  
in this term of service he went to the mouth of  
Schenectady Creek with said Col Harper  
where they surprised and took prisoners  
a party of Indians, that during the remainder  
of this term of service this Company was  
stationed in the neighborhood of Watkins Mills  
and Charlotte River to protect the inhabi-  
tants and to watch a certain tony family

by the name of Scraps, that he was honorably discharged on the first of ~~January~~ <sup>January</sup> in the year 1778 and that his discharge is lost, that he knows of no living witness by which he can prove this service.

And further that in the beginning of the year 1778 he removed to the town of Schoharie in the then County of Tryon now Schoharie where he enlisted on the first of April in the year 1778 in a company of Rangers commanded by Captain John (Ditz) in the regiment commanded by Col Peter Vrooman in the New York Line, for the term of nine months, that during this term of service he was detached under the command of Col Lebulow Butler for an expedition to Oquago that the remainder of the term he was employed principally in scouring the Country, extending to Catskill and Butavia, that he faithfully served until the first of January 1779 and was honorably discharged at Schoharie as stated in the affidavit of Christopher Hoising which said discharge (if ever received) is lost.

And further that in the winter of 1778-9 that the ~~the~~ Militia were classed, each class serving one month alternately, that he was detached, agreeably to said classification and that he served one month he thinks in February 1779 under Captain Jacob Zager / Ephraim Vrooman Lieutenant under the Command of Col Peter Vrooman, that he served at Fort Schuyler - at Catskill and that he knows of no surviving witness by which he can prove this service.



That he removed soon after to Greenbush now  
in Rensselaer County, that after said removal he  
turned out in case of ~~a~~ alarms and marched  
as far as Schenectady, and at one time as far as  
Palatine now in Montgomery County, that  
since that time, has lived ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~Riskanda~~ in Albany  
County where he lived seven years, also in  
Guilderland in said County; that in the year  
1800 he removed to Cobleskill, in Schoharie  
County, that he removed to Canajoharie in  
the County of Montgomery, in the year 1820  
where he has since resided, and is now poor.  
He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension  
or annuity except the present, and declares  
that his name is not on the pension roll  
of any agency of any state.

sworn to and subscribed the day and year  
of <sup>before me</sup> ~~onesaid~~ Henry A. Dierendoff his  
Note the word "March" ~~erased~~ and "April" William F. Ritter  
inserted on 4<sup>th</sup> Page Also "December" ~~erased~~ mark  
and "January" inserted on 5<sup>th</sup> page before signing

We, Phelps W. Lake a clergyman, residing in  
the town of Canajoharie in the County of Montgomery  
and State of New York, and Simon Marcy, Physician residing  
in Canajoharie aforesaid, hereby certify, that we are  
well acquainted with William Ritter, who has  
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration,  
that we believe him to be about seventy six years  
of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the  
neighborhood where he resides, to have been a  
soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in  
that opinion and further that he is unable to go to Court  
sworn, and subscribed, the Phelps W. Lake  
day and year aforesaid Simon Marcy

Henry A. Dierendoff a judge of  
the Court of Common Pleas



State of New York  
Albany County

Hanna L. Pitter of the  
town of Canajoharie in the County of Mont-  
gomery and State of New York being duly  
sworn deponent and saith that in her application  
and declaration for a Pension under the law  
of 1838 that she was induced to fix the date  
of her marriage in 1782 from representations  
made and a copy taken by John L. Pitter of the  
family record of John Miller sent that since  
she is informed that said record accords  
with her recollection and that she has now  
no doubt but that she was married to said  
William Pitter in July of the year 1783

And further this deponent further saith  
that there were present at her marriage  
Henry Miller and John Miller both now  
deceased and Jacob Baird and Lina  
Miller whose affidavits accompany  
the papers in this case

And further this deponent saith that  
she cannot procure any more witnesses to  
specify the ~~date~~ of her marriage that she  
is old and in low circumstances and unable  
to prosecute further inquiries

And further this deponent saith not  
known and determined  
this 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1839  
before me  
Wm. A. H. Wells  
Commissioner  
of Deeds  
Hanna L. Pitter  
mark

State of New York  
Montgomery County

John H. Miller of the town of  
Canajoharie in the County of Montgomery and  
State of New York being duly sworn deponent  
and saith that he was employed by Hannah  
Miller widow of the late William Miller of  
Revolutionary Pension deponent to aid her in  
procuring testimony of her marriage that it  
was the opinion of the said Hannah that she  
was married in 1783 but she was sure that  
it was the year before the marriage of John  
Miller of the town of Greenbush but since  
living in Columbia in Herkimer County  
that this deponent examined the family record of  
the said John Miller and in copying therefrom  
made a mistake and persuaded the said Han-  
nah that the record stated that John Miller  
was married in 1783 which induced the  
said Hannah to fix the year of her marriage  
in 1782 in his first declaration and further  
that upon another examination of said  
record since made by this deponent it appears  
that John Miller was married in 1784 which  
leaves the marriage of the said Hannah  
in 1783 according to the recollection of said  
Hannah and Jane Miller whose affida-  
vit is hereto annexed and further  
that this deponent says that he has searched  
for the record of the marriage of said John  
and Hannah made by the Clergyman or  
Clergymen who married them (if a record was made)  
that the nephew of Mr. Gros with whom  
many of the papers of said Clergyman (who  
has been along time dead) was left informs this



this deponent that some of the records of said  
Chapman have been burned at Fort Plain  
and this deponent has sent repeatedly to  
Albany for records evidence but is unable  
to produce any and is fully of opinion  
that no record evidence of said marriage  
between said William Pittter and Hannah  
Port exists. And further this deponent  
swith not

Sworn and subscribed  
this 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1839  
before me

W. W. Wheeler  
Com<sup>o</sup> of Deds;

John W. Pittter

I certify that I have been acquainted with  
John W. Pittter above named for several  
years past and that he sustains a good character  
for truth and veracity and that his statements  
are entitled to full credit

W. W. Wheeler  
Com<sup>o</sup> of Deds;

State of New York  
Mechanicus County

Clerk of the Court. I do hereby Certify that William  
R. Wheeler Esquire whose name is subscribed to the  
Tenth of the foregoing Affidavit was on the day  
of the date thereof a Commissioner of deeds in  
and for said County and duly authorized by the Law of  
the said State to administer oaths and that his signature  
subscribed to the same is genuine

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and the Seal of my office this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1839

A. J. Connor Clerk



SERVICE

NUMBER

*Mod.*

*Ritter, Thomas*

*S. 9065.*

*Carded.*

CONTENTS

Maryland

11.505

Thomas Ritter

of Baltimore, Co. in the State of Penn<sup>a</sup>  
who was a - Sgt & Co. in the Company commanded  
by Captain Fetter of the Regt, commanded  
by Col. Early in the Maryland  
War of Independence -

3 Mo Sergeant	15.00
3 " 1st Lt	11.53
	\$ 26.53

Inserted on the Roll of - Maryland -  
at the rate of 20 Dollars 53 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May  
and Sent to -  
1833 Col. V. T. Dixon, War Dept. Wash

Amount to the 1st of March 1833. 53.06  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4 Sep 1833 " 13.26

\$ 66.32

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *J. S. [Signature]* Clerk  
Book 6 Vol. 5 Page 117 -

Letter to Pension Agent J. M.  
Mar 10, 1842

Let. J. M. [Signature]  
18.1842

State of Maryland Baltimore viz-

On this 18th day of May, eighteen hundred and thirty three (1833) personally appeared in open Court, before the <sup>Circuit</sup> court of the United States Maryland <sup>District</sup>, now sitting Thomas Pitter a resident of Baltimore county in the State of Maryland aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born on 3rd March 1755 in Baltimore County State of Maryland about 7 miles from the city of Baltimore and on the very spot where he now resides, that his first service was in January 1777, when he was drafted to guard some prisoners from Baltimore to Lee's camp in Virginia, commanded by Capt Thomas Pitter, he was engaged in this duty 2 weeks on the 1st August 1777 he was drafted and attached to a company commanded by Mr. Harvey, was ordered to Baltimore and remained there till the last of the same month, and then in company with 2 other corps - one of which was commanded by John Cocke, Esq., and the other by Thomas Marshall the whole detachment being commanded by Col. Darby, Lt. in Flanders - they left Baltimore and marched into Pennsylvania and joined the Brigade under General Smallwood, then stationed within 15 miles of Philadelphia - nothing remarkable



occurred during the march - they crossed the Susquehanna River at Peach bottom ferry and arrived at the American Camp located at a place he thinks called Perketown. One day after the battle of Germantown - they remained with General Inglewood's Detachment until the middle of October 1777 - then the same three companies were ordered home, and arrived in Baltimore and were discharged altogether last of October same year - and he states that during these three months he acted as sergeant in Capt. Harvey's company - and he further states that in September 1780 he was drafted & served one month at Baltimore town in a company commanded by Michael Mearns and of which Henry Ratten was lieutenant - and that in July 1781 - the whole Regiment to which he was attached & commanded by Col Buchanan was called

to Baltimore and on this occasion he served 2 months - under the same Capt and Lieutenant -

That he believing of his public services in the army were all detailed they would be found to have occupied more than a year of his time, yet the great lapse of years since their performance has left the Remembrance of some of them but faint and indistinct - he therefore prefers to confine himself to the statement above made, about the accuracy of which he feels well assured -

That he has no documentary evidence of his enrollment or discharge, but that John Leaf now of the city of Baltimore and Michael Mason his immediate neighbor can both testify to his

services in the Revolutionary war - that he has always  
lived when he now lives - that he has cultivated a small  
farm for a support and was comfortable and independent  
as long as he could labor; but that now he is extremely  
feeble and infirm and almost entirely blind - he is  
a member of the Methodist society - there is no  
clergyman in his neighborhood with whom he has  
much acquaintance, but that he is well known by  
Cornelius Howard Esq Mayor of St. Louis, Robt. K. Brown  
and many others of the first respectability who can &  
will testify to his character for honesty and ve-  
racity and their belief of his services as a Soldier  
of the Revolution. -

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a  
Pension or annuity except the present, and declares  
that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Army  
of any State -

Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

Witness  
Thos. Sprick

his  
Thomas H. Butler  
mark

Pension Office  
Baltimore March 8. 1841

Sir,

Thomas Ritter a Pensioner under act 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. has this day presented his Certificate for payment, but as he is reported on these Rolls in July 1840, as dead, I have refused the same - His last pay was received on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1840 - Be pleased to inform me whether the report of his death is not erroneous, and whether I shall pay him his pension up to 4 March 1841.

Very respectfully  
Jom. M. O. S. West

To J. L. Edwards Esq  
Washington.

Wm  
Pension Agent



Va.

Ritter, Thomas

or

Riiter

or

Peter

S. 9055

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SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass.

Ritter, William  
Ruth

W. 15255

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New Hampshire 1538

Ruth Ritter

widow of William Ritter

who died on the 1st March 1827  
of Cheshire in the State of N. H.

who was a private in the company commanded  
by Captain Fuller of the regiment commanded  
by Col. W. H. M. in the Massachusetts  
line for

17 months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Concord, N. H.  
at the rate of \$6 Dollars 66 Cents, per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 13th day of November  
1837 and sent to  
T. M. Edwards, Keene, N. H.

Amount to the 1st of Sept 1837 \$368.29  
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Mar 38 28.33

\$396.62

Revolutionary Claim,  
Act July 4, 1836,  
Section the 3<sup>d</sup>.

Recorded by J. M. Condy Clerk  
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8090 Lp  
New-Hampshire.

William Ritter

of Dover in the state of New Hamp  
who was a private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Marshall of the New-Hampsh  
line, for the term of Nine months. 1778

Inscribed on the Roll of New Hampshire  
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 27 of June 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 23 of M. L. 1819  
and sent to Nahum Parker  
Jr. William N. Hampshire.

Arrears to 4th of March 1819 66.00  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4 Sept 1819 48.

\$114.00

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Continued

William Ritter  
Dover N. Hampshire  
March 1819

# STATE OF NEWHAMPSHIRE.

CHESHIRE SS.

On this 27 day of June 1815, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for said County, personally appears William Rutter aged 71 years, resident in Surrey in the said County, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Rutter on the second day of July 1778 enlisted in Lunenburg in the state of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Captain Samuel King of the Regiment of Foot Commanded by Col Marshall of the land service of the United States on the Continental establishment not in the Massachusetts line in the revolutionary war that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the 10th day of April 1779, when he was discharged from service in West Point state of New York, that he was in the battles of

and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

Nahum Parker

I, Nahum Parker Judge, &c. as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said William Rutter did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for nine months on the continental establishment; and is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of assistance as stated in the preceding declaration

and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the

Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

June 27. 1815. Nahum Parker

I, Salma Hale Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cheshire, hereby certify, that the Hon. Nahum Parker, whose proper hand is above subscribed, is one of the Justices of said Court, duly commissioned, and that no particular impression is used as a seal by said Court.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed a seal in usual form as used by said Court, this 27 day of June, A. D. 1815

S. Hale

State of New Hampshire  
Frisbie County N.H.

On this twentieth day of April A.D. 1837  
personally appeared before me Frederick Case  
Esq. Judge of Probate in & for said County  
Ruth Ritter a resident of Westmoreland in  
said County aged eighty seven years last  
September, who being first duly sworn according  
to law doth on her oath make the following  
declaration in order to obtain the benefit  
of the provision made by the act of Congress  
passed July 4. 1836 - That she is the widow  
of William Ritter late of Surry in said County  
deceased - a Revolutionary Pensioner - who  
was a private in the army of the Revolution -

That her said Husband went first into  
the service from Seabury Mass - went  
soon after the alarm from Lexington - and  
enlisted and remained at Cambridge through  
the summer - fall and next winter - that  
he was taken sick there in the service, she  
thinks in the month of February<sup>1776</sup> she went  
down to take care of him - and he was  
carried home with her, sick - she cannot  
state the exact number of months he was in  
this service - but recollects that he was  
absent from the time of the alarm at Lexington  
except occasional visits at home by permission  
until he was brought home sick in February.

She does not recollect the names of the  
officers under whom he served - has heard  
him name them often but cannot now  
remember them.

That he was again in the service in



she thinks 1778 - that she recollects he was  
enlisted for 9 months - was gone from home  
about ten months - that she understood from  
him at the time that he was most of  
the time in State of New York - at West -  
point and other places -

She cannot name the officer he  
served under - she heard their names  
at the time - he was in the Continental  
army she thinks -

That her said husband received  
a Pension under the act of 1818 - to his  
death -

That she was married to the said  
William Ritter <sup>at Walpole New Hampshire</sup> in the month of January  
she thinks in the year 1770 - she knows it was  
some years before the beginning of the Revolution  
she lived in New Hampshire two years after  
she was married & moved from there  
to Lunenburg Massachusetts - and was  
living there with her said husband  
before the Lexington alarm was given -

That her husband the said William  
Ritter died at said Lunenburg on the  
first day of March 1827 - and that  
she has remained a widow ever since  
that period. as will more fully appear  
by reference to proof hereto annexed -

Sworn to and subscribed

on the day and year

above written before me

Ruth

Ritter

Frederick Vose, Judge of Probate in and for  
the County of Cheshire in the State of New Hampshire.

I Phillippi Hall of Walpole in the County of Cheshire  
& State of New Hampshire, depose & say, that I am a sister  
of Ruth Ritter (formerly Ruth Smith) now a resident of West-  
moreland in said County, & widow of William Ritter, a Rev-  
olutionary Pensioner now deceased: that I was present at, and  
a witness to the marriage of the said William Ritter & Ruth  
Smith, which marriage was solemnized at said Walpole  
by the <sup>\*</sup>Rev. Thomas Fessenden, then a minister of the gospel  
in said Walpole, when the said Ruth Ritter was in the twen-  
ty first year of her age, she being now eighty seven  
years old, I further say that since the decease of the  
said William Ritter the said Ruth has remained & now is un-  
married.

Phillippi <sup>her</sup> Hall  
mark

State of New Hampshire,

Cheshire Co. April 20<sup>th</sup> 1837. Subscribed & sworn to before me,  
by the said Phillippi Hall, Frederick Vore, Justice of the Peace  
Cheshire Co. April 24<sup>th</sup> 1837. I certify that the said Phillippi  
Hall is a credible witness, and that her testimony upon  
oath is entitled to the fullest credit.

Frederick Vore, Justice of the Peace.

<sup>\*</sup> I knew Rev. Mr. Fessenden of Walpole personally: & that he was a settled minister of Walpole for  
many years at an early period: I died about 20 years ago. H. H. Clark

I Eunice Winchester of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire  
in the State of New Hampshire testify and say that that I  
was present at my Father's late Father Abraham Smith's  
house in Walpole N.H. When my Sister Ruth Smith was married  
to William Pittman by the Rev Thomas Jefferson at that time  
the Minister of said Walpole I think it was in January A.D. 1770 -  
I am certain it was several years before the commencement of  
the Revolutionary war in 1775. I was knowing to ~~him~~ Mr Pittman  
living in Walpole several years after he was married to my Sister  
and that he removed to Lunenburg <sup>Massachusetts</sup> previous to the commencement  
of the war

Eunice Winchester

State of New Hampshire

Cheshire Co August 28. 1837. Eunice Winchester personally  
appeared and after being carefully examined and duly  
cautioned to testify the whole truth and nothing but the  
truth made solemn oath that the above affidavit  
by her subscribed contains the truth and nothing but the  
truth.

Before me William Britton Justice of the peace

\* I certify that the above deponent is a credible person  
William Britton Justice peace



# STATE OF NEWHAMPSHIRE.

CHESHIRE COUNTY SS.

## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

ON this *fifth* day of *July* 1820 personally appeared

*in open Court*

being a court of record for said county, proceeding according to the course of the common law, having a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, *William Rutter* in said county, aged *seventy three* years, resident in *Surry* who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows:

*in 1778 I enlisted for nine months in Capt Samuel Kings Co. in the Regt. commanded by Col. Marshall I went to Fort Mifflin & West Point & White Plains & Danbury and then to Hartford and returned to West Point again where I was discharged April 10<sup>th</sup> 1779 I was in no great battles*

The date of my original declaration in order to obtain a pension is the *twenty seventh* day of *June* 1818 The number of my pension certificate is *2090*

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818: and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. *my occupation is a Cordwainer I am not*

*able to labour more than one third part of the time*  
*My family consists of my wife Ruth aged 71 who is quite feeble I am able to assist me much*

*Wm Rutter*

Sworn to and declared at *Keene* in said County, on the

*fifth* day of *July* 1820 before

*Vernon Parker*

{ Judge of said Court.

I, SALMA HALE, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Cheshire, do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the record of the said Court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property in the aforesaid schedule, is *twenty one* dollars and cents.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court on this *eight* day of *July*

A. D. 1820

*S. Hale*

**SCHEDULE,**

Of the whole estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) and income of *William Ritter* of *Surrey* in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, Applicant for a Pension under the act of Congress of May 1st, 1820.

*1 horse*  
*1 hay*

*\$15-*  
*6*  
*\$ 21.00*

*Wm Ritter*

We the Subscribers testify and say, that we have viewed the property contained in the above Schedule, shewn to us by *above named*, as his property; and are of opinion that the sums set against the respective items are their true value.

Cheshire ss.  
appeared,

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*above named*, and made oath to the truth of the above statement, by them subscribed. Before me,

I certify, that  
*named*, are disinterested and credible witnesses.

Justice of the Peace.

*above*

Justice of the Peace.

SERVICE

Penn.

Ritz, Mathias

NUMBER

S. 22468

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Death date not on G. B.

22.670.

Pennsylvania

Matthias Ritz

of York Co in the State of Penna.  
who was a Private in the Co. commanded  
by Captain Ford of the Regt. commanded  
by in the Penna.  
line for six months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania  
at the rate of 20 Dollars & 0 Cents per annum,  
commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29. day of November  
1833. and sent to David  
Corey. York. Penna.

Bears to the 1st of Sep. 1833. - 50. -  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4. Mar 34. 10. -

\$ 60.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Wm. P. Bender Clerk,  
Book 8. Vol. 5. Page 49.

State of Louisiana (cont'd)

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1833 I personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Wallislas, being a resident in said County for at least six years, who has & is still lawfully sworn, to said oath on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

that above. In 1<sup>st</sup> June 1861 He was drafted in five months to  
serve in Colburn's <sup>Comp<sup>d</sup></sup> 2nd at a well known camp & unit in the  
Confed, at Fort Smith. He would not be kept secure the British  
Prisoners who were stationed at that place for safe keeping  
and that he duly served out the term for which he was drafted and  
was then discharged to Capt Ford and Major Bailey who comm  
and the 2nd at camp Smith.

And that about the month of September in the same year he  
volunteered and did serve four months at Camp Secor under  
Captain Pennington at Camp Secor and did serve the time  
which he was in and was then discharged by Captain Penning-  
ton at Camp Secor in the County of York and that he served  
at least altogether six months in the Army of the Revolution  
Further to show that I have no documentary evidence in my  
possession nor do I know of any persons living whose testimony  
I can procure to prove my service except John Haack

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to  
a Pension or Annuity except the present and declare that  
my name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State  
or place whatever except that of the State of Pennsylvania

Question: At what time of year was he born.

Answer New born in Lancaster County on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1752.

Question 2 - 2 Have you any record of him ago if so where is it

I have no desire to be a minister

See by the way - 3 When were you leaving when called to service where  
have you been since the Secret Service was abolished  
how are you live

Answer it seems to me fairly when he then into service and have been  
in law courts ever since the Revolutionary war.

Question by Judge 4 I suppose you had some money in the store you  
volunteered money you had in the store you had in the store  
Answer I was in the first that I saw in Captain's store  
the first a month I saw in Captain's store  
Commander under the name of Bailey at Camp Sevier. I  
volunteered and that I serve in the army. I was  
six months at Camp Sevier in the Revolution. I was

Question by Judge 5 What is the name of the store that was in the  
the house when you were in the store and the store  
the house when you were in the store and the store  
the house when you were in the store and the store

Answer There was no regular store that I saw at Camp  
Sevier. There was several stores that were  
at Camp Sevier. I saw Captain's store and  
Captain White and Captain Tom and Captain  
Salisbury and several other militia officers and  
Bailey, and many others whose names I have forgotten.

Question by Judge 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service  
and if so where and at what time was it given and  
what has become of it?

Answer I received the discharge from Captain's  
store in the store. I saw it and the last was signed by  
Captain's store.

Question by Judge 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known  
in your present neighborhood and who have testified to your character  
for peace and good behavior. I am known as a soldier of the  
Revolution.

Answer I am known to the following persons: Robert Gibson, Charles Smith, and  
John Smith, John Smith, and John Smith.

I am all listed as to my character and there is no record of my services  
in the Revolution.

I am to give testimony before me  
the day and year to come.

Geo. Barnette

Marked by  
Harrison & Hitz  
mark



WAR DEPARTMENT,

**Pension Office.**

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: { ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

## A Statement, shewing the Service of

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

**JAMES L. EDWARDS,**

**Commissioner of Pensions.**

February 11, 1937.

Mr. Donald V. Gann  
Phi Sigma Kappa House  
State College, Pennsylvania.

BA-J/ILL  
Mathias Rits  
S. 22468

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Mathias Rits of York County, Pennsylvania, a pensioner.

The data given herein were found in pension claim, S. 22468, based upon service of Mathias Rits in that war.

Mathias Rits was born in the year 1787, in Lancaster County, (probably Pennsylvania); the names of his parents were not given

While a resident of York County, Pennsylvania, he enlisted and served six months as private in the Pennsylvania troops, given as follows: from about June 1, 1781, two months in Captain Ford's company under Major Bailey, guarding prisoners at a camp in York County; and from sometime in September 1781, four months in Captain Pennington's company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 31, 1833, at which time he resided in York County, Pennsylvania; he had resided in that county ever since the Revolutionary War. The soldier made no reference to wife or children.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name of person paid, and, possibly, the date of death of this pensioner, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following: Mathias Rits, Certificate #22870, issued November 29, 1833, rate \$20 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, Pennsylvania Agency.

Very truly yours,

A. D. MILLER,  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator.

REVIEW

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*Pa.*

*Rively, Frederick S. 40337*

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40.337  
INVALID.

Ray —————

File No. 40.337

Frederick Mink  
Rev. Mr. Ray

Act: 18<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup>

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[ Arrangement of 1870. ]

Schedule amounts to \$598.

Real estate \$500

the rest personal.

He says he owes \$310 in part  
of his real estate, and that  
undry house owe him about  
\$18. —

He has a wife aged 60 years,  
and seven children all of whom  
are of age & doing for themselves  
except one daughter who lives  
with him. —

He served 4 years.  
cannot reinstate him

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Pennsylvania.

Frederick Rively  
Va troops private  
Householder's Pension 11 years  
In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania,  
at the rate of 8 — Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 7<sup>th</sup> of Aug 1818.  
and sent to D. Caldwell, Esq.  
Philadelphia.

Arrearages to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1818.  
3 mo. 23/31 4/30. \$ 29.99.

{ Revolutionary claims,  
Act 18th March, 1818, }

65 1/2 Delaware  
H. only Township.  
Not entitled  
No 2. 1818

Frederick Rively  
Householder's Pension 11 years  
In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War  
D. Caldwell, Esq.  
Philadelphia



Admitted

*Corrected and filed with Andrew Garton's papers*

DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss.

On this *eight* day of *May* A. D. 1818, before me, Richard Peters, Judge of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Pennsylvania District, personally appeared *Frederick Rively* of ~~County of Delaware~~ <sup>County of Philadelphia</sup> who being duly sworn deposes and declares, that during the War of the Revolution he served against the common enemy as a *private* in the army on the Continental Establishment—that ~~on the 1st day of July~~ *on the 1st day of July* A. D. 1776 at *Philadelphia* in the state of ~~Pennsylvania~~ he enlisted in *Captain Daniel Buckhart's* company of *Volunteers* attached to the *German Regiment* commanded by *Colonel Henshaw* and afterwards by *Colonel Stier*, which Regiment was in the *Virginia Line* under the command of *General Mifflin* until that he served until the said Regiment was reduced and the men drafted into the *Pennsylvania Line* when he was drawn and placed in a company belonging to the *Second Regiment* of the *Pennsylvania Line* commanded by *Colonel Stewart* about the beginning of the year 1781 and was discharged by *General Wayne* at *Frederick* about a month afterwards.

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support, that he never has received, or been allowed any Pension by the laws of the United States—that he is a resident citizen of the United States, and that his *discharge* has been lost—

*Frederick Rively*

*Sworn* and Subscribed this *8th*  
day of *May* A. D. 1818,  
before me  
*Richard Peters*

*Correct - found in the  
original papers*

Frederick Rively.

Sept 18  
1812

Ben<sup>d</sup> Pearson  
Chester  
Md



The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
In the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware  
County - being a Court of Record.

I Frederick Rively aged about  
Sixty five years do solemnly sincerely and truly  
swear and affirm That I served as a private  
Soldier in the Revolutionary War in the  
company of Captain Daniel Burkhart in  
the German Regiment commanded by Col.  
Housaker in the Virginia line As set forth  
in my original declaration dated as I believe  
on the Eighth day of May 1818 - Also that I  
am the same person to whom a Pension Certi-  
ficate No 2155 hath been granted - And I do  
further affirm that I was a resident citizen  
of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818  
And that I have not since that time by gift  
sale or in any manner disposed of my property  
or any part thereof with intent thereby so to  
diminish it As to bring myself within the  
provision of an Act of Congress entitled - "An  
Act to provide for certain persons engaged in  
the Land and Naval Service of the United States  
in the Revolutionary War" - passed on the 18th  
day of March 1818 - And that I have not  
nor has any person in trust for me any pro-  
perty or securities contracts or debts due to me  
Nor have I any income or property other  
than the following (The necessary clothing  
and bedding for myself and family excepted)  
To wit:

A house and lot (about 9 acres)	3	
in Darby Township - Delaware County	3	\$ 500.00
Say Value		
3 small cows	30	..
1 Old Mare	12	..
1 Old Cart & Yoke	8	..
1 Harrow - & Spade - hoe &c	2	..
2 Tables and Old Drawers	6	..
Kitchen Furniture	10	..

7 Chairs	\$ 3.00
2 Old Stoves	6.
A Saddle & Bridle	3.
A small Churn and Milk pail &c	1.
One Sack and Tackling	10.
Crookery Ware	2.
Two Small Shoats	5.

\$ 598.00

And I do further Affirm that I am indebted in part for the purchase Money of my house and lot the sum of Three hundred and ten Dollars - And that sundry persons are indebted to me about the sum of Eighteen Dollars - That I am by occupation a Weaver, at which I still do some labor - Also that my family consists of my Wife, aged about Sixty years - And Seven Children, all of whom are of age and doing for themselves Except one daughter who lives with me. -

(Signed)

Affirmed and Subscribed  
in open Court this Twenty  
Sixth day of July A.D. 1820

Frederick Rively

Benj<sup>n</sup> Pearson  
Proth<sup>y</sup>

July 26. 1820 It is the Opinion of the Court that the total Value of the property in the foregoing Statement is Five hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars. -

Benj<sup>n</sup> Pearson  
Proth<sup>y</sup>

Delaware County  
Pennsylvania

I Benjamin Pearson Esquire  
Prothonotary of the Court of  
Common Pleas in and for said  
County do certify that the  
Court is a Court of Record, pro-  
ceeding according to the course  
of the Common Law, with a  
Jurisdiction unlimited in amount, and keeping

A record of their proceedings - Also that the  
aforegoing is a true copy of the original which  
remains filed of record in the said Court  
Witness my hand and the Seal of the  
said Court at Chester the Twenty Ninth  
day of July A. D. 1820. —

Benj<sup>n</sup> Pearson  
Proth<sup>y</sup>

Delaware County Pa.

Benjamin Pearson Esquire  
being duly affirmed saith that Frederick  
Nively the foregoing defendant died on the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of July last and now doth reside  
in the Township of Darby in S<sup>c</sup>. County

Affirmed and Subscribed  
before me Sep. 2<sup>d</sup>. 1820

Benj<sup>n</sup> Pearson

John Galawell  
Justice of Peace



SERVICE

NUMBER

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Rivenbark Frederick  
Rivenbark

N. 9257

B.L. No. 75,040-160-55

Winnipeg

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*Residence* *6279*

*North Carolina*

*Winifred Seibert*  
widow of *Frederick Seibert*

*St. C*  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a *Private*

*Raleigh*  
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate  
of *30* dollars *00*  
cents per annum, to commence on  
*1st* *March* *1861*  
the *3d* February, 1853.

*Ending Apr 8 1861*  
Certificate of Pension issued  
*17th* day of *Oct* *1867*  
and sent to *S. Williams*  
*Washington*  
*D.C.*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
February 3, 1853 Page *218* Vol. *No.*  
*John Smith Clerk*

North Carolina 16.909-

Frederick Rivenbark  
of *Dulpin* in the State of N.C.  
who was a *Pr.* — in the *command*  
by Captain *of the Regt. command*  
by Col Wright — in the *No Car*  
line for 9 months —

Inscribed on the Roll of North Carolina  
at the rate of 30. Dollars — Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 14th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sailors *Price* and *Sail P. Murphy* — N.C.

Amount to the 14th of Sept 1833. *75*  
Semi-ant. allowance ending Mar: 31 *15*

*590-*

Recorded by *Wm. H. Lee* Clerk,  
Book *C* Vol. *62* Page *71*  
{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act Sept 7, 1832. }





STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
Duplin COUNTY.

Court of Pleas &  
85. Quarter Sessions

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the  
Stephen Graham, William H. Henderson & Linton Allen  
of the County of Duplin  
now sitting, Frederick H. Green back  
eighty five years of age on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October next,  
who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the  
benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he volunteered  
under Captain William Clickson in the  
County of Duplin in the war moved  
to Bladen County then to Hargettsville and  
then down to Moore Creek in New Hanover  
County - from thence to Rockfish Bridge  
when he was dismissed he was again called  
into service under the same Captain and  
and pursued pretty nearly the same route  
after the Tories he then went down below  
Wilmington toumping Run - he was then  
placed under the command of Genl. Taylor  
and moved to Kithers as Mills  
in New Hanover County - then to Kithers in  
Duplin County and then to Kithers in  
New Hanover County where he was discharged having  
served in the whole in the militia service  
as much as nine months

in River, then marched thro' the wood & crossed  
Turnbull's Creek, went to Waddell's ferry, crossed  
again - Capt Fred W. Well, & Thomas Cunningham,  
swam the creek & brought the boat in which  
we crossed, we then went down to Waddell  
ferry, & crossed Clarendon river, now Cape Fear  
We went to the west of the River to stop the  
British from joining Sir Elliott, who was lying  
at Brunswick in the Scorpion ~~but~~ crossed  
to the East side & arrived too late for the  
battle which took place at Morris' Creek  
Bridge.

No 6. Did you ever receive a discharge  
from the service? If so by whom was it  
given & what has become of it?

Ans. I never had a discharge -

No 7. State the names of the persons to whom you  
are known in your present neighborhood  
who can testify to your Character for service  
it & their belief of your service as a soldier  
of the Revolution?

Ans. Col James Wright Peter Carlton  
William Pollocke Richard Brady.

1793

London

Benjamin Franklin



Q. 1. Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Polk County, came to Duplin when a child. I have resided in Duplin since his recollection - does not remember the date. Is in his 86th year (Eighty six!)

Q. 2. Have you any record of your age? <sup>where is it?</sup> <sup>1850</sup>

Ans. - I have not any it having been lost.

Q. 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Ans. Upon Stewart's Creek in Duplin County at that time, since I now.

Q. 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Ans. - I volunteered.

Q. 5. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recall & the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. - Genl Moore commanded the Regular troop at Rockfish in Cumberland Co, where I joined him. Col Lamm, Kenan commanded the Duplin Regiment. Lieut Col Thomas Rutledge, Major Abraham Moulton & Silbert M. Lalet was our adjutant. He marched from Duplin ~~land~~ to Rockfish in Cumberland & there joined the Regulars under Genl Moore then marched back to Elizabeth Crossed

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I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

*Andersell*  
*Robertson*  
*mark*

WE, *Peter Carlton* a Clergyman residing in *Duplin*  
County, State of North Carolina, and *James Wright* residing in said County,  
hereby Certify, that we are well acquainted with *Andersell Robertson*  
who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be *eighty five*  
years of age; that he is reputed and believed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution; and that we concur in  
that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, this *26* day of  
*November* A. D. 183*2*

*Peter Carlton*  
*James Wright*  
*Andersell Robertson*

the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting  
the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above-named Applicant was a Revolutionary  
Soldier, and as he states.—And the Court further certifies that it appears to them, that

*Peter Carlton* who has signed the preceding Certificate, is a Clergyman resident in the  
*County of Duplin* and that *James Wright* who has also  
signed the same, is a resident in the *County of Duplin* and is a credible person, and that  
their statement is entitled to credit.

I *James Pearson* Clerk of the Court of *Plas and Quarter*  
do hereby certify, that the going contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the  
application of *Andersell Robertson*  
for a pension.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this *26<sup>th</sup>*

*November* A. D. 183*2*

*James Pearson*

State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina      Court of Pleas & Quarter  
County of Caswell      Term Oct Term 1857

In open Court

Present

\* Hanston Maxwell Esq.  
\* George Smith Esq.  
\* Daniel Barwood Esq.

on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1857 before the  
Court of Pleas & Quarter aforesaid held within & for  
the County & State aforesaid Personally appeared  
Witnessed      Reverend Aged 83 years  
a Resident of said County & State, who being  
duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath  
make the following declaration in order to obtain  
the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress  
passed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb'y 1853 granting pensions  
to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary  
War, that she is the Widow Frederick Reverend  
who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War but the  
particular service she is unable to recollect,  
but that he was a pensioner of the United States  
under act chas. 7. 1832 at the rate of \$30  
per annum which was paid to her at the  
Agency at Haystack N<sup>o</sup> Ca - & she refers to,  
the application under for particulars -  
the Punter of War that she was married



to said Frederick Revenbuck in Sausseton County  
North Carolina in year A.D. one thousand eight hundred & one  
by David Clarke (Mch 15<sup>th</sup> 1801) a Justice of the Peace  
That her name before her marriage was - Winnefred Jones  
& that her husband ~~and~~ died <sup>Deft. Jones</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~State~~ <sup>State</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~North~~ <sup>North</sup> ~~Carolina~~ <sup>Carolina</sup>  
County the 21<sup>st</sup> day of 1<sup>st</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1837. That she was  
not married to him prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup>  
1800 but at the time before stated, that the Justice  
knew, that no public record of marriage was at that  
time kept or required in this State, that the best  
proof of any kind she can bring forth will be  
filed here - she has no private record of her marriage.  
The Justice swears that she is now a widow.

She hereby appoints Chas M Rose her true &  
lawful attorney to prosecute this her claim  
for a pension to receive the Certificate when  
issued to do all other acts necessary & proper  
in the premises

her  
David Clarke Winnefred Jones  
mark

Subscribed & subscribed before me on the  
day & year above written, & I hereby certify  
that I know said defendant & believe her to be  
as above stated, that she is of the age

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

May 13. 1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: { ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of *Frederick Newbark*

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
No dates volunteer	3	1	2		Capt Mickson			March 85 to Bladen 67.	entered the service in Duplin Co. N.C. and now lives there	
again battled					"			down below Wilmington Samplings Run and to New Hanover and many other places		
Served in all 9 months										

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

Certificate of a Bluffman  
and one C. B. Bogen

State of North Carolina }  
Duplin County } ss

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October  
one thousand eight hundred fifty seven  
personally appeared before me, a Justice of  
the Peace within and for the County and  
State aforesaid. Minnie Rivenbark aged  
nearly two years last March, a resident of Duplin  
County, in the State of North Carolina, who, being  
duly sworn according to law, declare, that she is  
the widow of Frederick Rivenbark deceased who  
was a private in the company commanded by David  
Dodd, Captain, in the Regiment commanded by  
Col. James Kenan in the Revolutionary War, as  
this affiant believes but for more certainty begs  
leave to refer to the declaration of her said  
husband for a Pension under the act of Congress  
of June 7. 1832 on file in the Pension Office at  
Washington City and to the proofs accompanying  
the same.

She further states that she was married to the  
said Frederick Rivenbark in the County of Sampson  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1801 by one David  
Clark a Justice of the Peace of said County of  
Sampson, and that her name before her said  
marriage Minnie Jones, that her said husband  
died at Duplin on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> A.D. 1837  
and that she is now an widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of  
obtaining the bounty land to which she may be  
entitled under the act approved March 3<sup>d</sup> 1855.

She has no public or private record of her marriage  
Her husband was illiterate Minnie Rivenbark  
mark



North Carolina

Duplin County

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October  
A.D. 1837 before the Subscriber a Justice of the  
Peace in and for said County personally  
appeared Abdilla Kennedy a resident of  
said County of Duplin, aged eighty years  
last March to me well known and entitled  
to full faith and credit who being first  
duly sworn according to law, maketh  
oath that she is the sister of Benjamin  
Rivenbark an applicant for a Pension  
under the Act of Congress of 3<sup>d</sup> of Feby  
1833. and was present and an eyewitness  
of her marriage with her deceased  
husband Frederick Rivenbark  
that the marriage took place in  
Simpson County at her father Henry  
Doan's residence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
March A.D. 1801 on Sabbath evening  
and the ceremony was performed by David  
Clark Esq. a Justice of the Peace of said  
County that they lived together as man  
and wife till his death which occurred  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> A.D. 1837. that she only  
knew the fact of his death by common  
reputation, not being present when he died.

but there can be no mistake of his death  
about that time - nor that the foregoing  
named applicant is his widow, never  
having married since his death. They  
reared three children only one of  
whom Jones Riverbank is now living  
her maiden name was transferred Jones.

I am to Subscribed. Achilla Kennedy  
the day & year aforesaid. and I certify that said affidavit is a credible  
statement being well acquainted with her  
history and having been told to full faith  
and credit.

A. B. Harris J.P.

Jones Riverbank son of Humphrey  
Riverbank is a good fifty three years  
old. He is a resident of Duplin County  
Ga. On a credible testimony, appeared  
before the Subscribed Justice of the  
Peace and for said County and  
being first duly sworn made oath  
that he was an eyewitness of his father  
Frederick Riverbank's death on the 21<sup>st</sup> of  
Nov 1837. that his mother transferred  
is now a widow. He is father & mother  
lived together as man and wife since  
his earliest recollection till the death of



State of North Carolina Duplin County  
Be it known that before me Walter R Bell  
Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter  
Sessions in the County and State aforesaid  
the same being a Court of Record personally  
appears James Rivenbark aged fifty four years  
a resident of the County of Duplin in the State  
of North Carolina who, being duly sworn according  
to law, declares that he has never borne arms  
against the Government of the United States  
or has not in any manner been engaged in or  
aided or abetted the rebellion therein or in any  
manner encouraged the rebels or manifested  
a Sympathy with their cause; and further "I  
James Rivenbark do solemnly swear in the presence  
of Almighty God that I will hereafter faithfully  
support protect and defend the Constitution of the  
United States and the Union of the States thereunder  
that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully  
support all laws and proclamations which have  
been made during the existing rebellion with  
reference to the emancipation of Slaves: So help me  
God."

Applicant further declares that he is the administrator  
of Winifred Rivenbark deceased the indentical person  
who was a Pensioner of the United States on the roll of  
the agency at Fayetteville and whose Pension Certificate  
is herewith returned, that the said Winifred Rivenbark  
died at her home near the village of Warsaw in the  
County of Duplin and State of North Carolina on the  
eighth day of April A.D. 1864, that she never remarried  
but continued the widow of Frederick Rivenbark  
down to the day of her death: that the said deceased



Pensioner resided from the first day of January 1861 down to the day of her death at her home which was the house of the said applicant near the village of Warsaw in the county of Duplin and State of North Carolina and during that period the said Pensioner's means of subsistence was the assistance of the said applicant. She the said Pensioner being an invalid and helpless. that the said deceased Pensioner never bore arms against the Government of the United States and did not in any manner engage in the rebellion or aid or abet the rebellion therein or in any manner encourage the rebels or manifest a sympathy with their cause.

Applicant further declares that his means of knowing the above facts arise from a long and intimate personal acquaintance with the said deceased Pensioner she being his mother and from the fact that he was well acquainted with her opinions and habits.

This declaration is made for the purpose of securing a restoration of the name of the said deceased Pensioner to the Pension rolls and obtain a new pension certificate; also to obtain the Pension money due the said deceased Pensioner up to the day of her death and S. W. Williams of Washington D. C. is hereby irrevocably appointed my agent to prosecute and attorney to prosecute this claim to receive a new Pension certificate and also to receive and receipt for the Pension money due the said deceased Pensioner from the fourth day of March A.D. 1861 down to the eighth day of April 1864 the day of said deceased Pensioner's death.

Attest. { John S. Blanchard } Jones Drivenbach  
          { Abram W. Blanshard } administrator of Will of Jones Drivenbach

January 20, 1939

*am*  
BA-J/ANF  
Frederick Rivenbark  
W. 9257

Mr. Frederick A. Rivenbark  
1405 Angier Avenue  
Durham  
North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Frederick Rivenbark, of North Carolina.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, W.9257, based upon the military service of Frederick Rivenbark in the Revolutionary War.

Frederick Rivenbark was born October 15, 1748 in "Delvy County," state not named; he came to Duplin County, North Carolina, when a child. The names of his parents are not given.

Frederick Rivenbark, while a resident of Duplin County, North Carolina, volunteered late in the year 1775, served three months as a private in Captain William Dickson's North Carolina company. He served in the fall of 1775, one month in same company. He served in 1780 or 1781, three months in Captain Jonathan Taylor's company, Colonel James Kenan's North Carolina regiment, and served again three months in Captain Jonathan Taylor's company, and was in an engagement at "Rockfish Bridge".

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 26, 1832, at which time he was a

resident of Duplin County, North Carolina.

The soldier, Frederick Rivenbark, died in Duplin County, November 21, 1837.

Frederick Rivenbark married March 15, 1801 in Sampson County, North Carolina, Winnefred Jones. The said Winnefred Jones was born in the month of March, 1775, was the daughter of Henry Jones, and was married at the home of her father. The name of her mother was not stated.

The widow, Winnefred Rivenbark, was allowed pension on her application executed October 19, 1857, at which time she was living in Duplin County, North Carolina. She was allowed, also one hundred sixty acres of bounty land.

They reared a family of three children, the only surviving one in 1857 was Jones Rivenbark, who was born in the month of November, 1803.

The widow, Winnefred Rivenbark, died April 8, 1864, at the home of her son, Jones Rivenbark, near the village of Warsaw in Duplin County, North Carolina. He was still living in Duplin County, in 1867.

Abdilla Kennedy, sister of the widow, Winnefred Rivenbark, was eighty years of age in 1857, then living in Duplin County, North Carolina.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to family.

In order to obtain information relative to location of the land referred to above, you should apply to The Commissioner of the General Land Office, this city, and furnish the following data-

Warrant #75040- 160 acres- Act of 1855.

In order to obtain the name and address of the



person paid the last payment of this pension, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, this city, and furnish the following data-

Winnefred Rivenbark, widow of Frederick Rivenbark  
Certificate # 6279  
Issued October 17, 1867  
Rate \$30.00 per annum  
Commenced March 4, 1861  
Act of February 3, 1853 (Restoration)  
North Carolina Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

Division of Veterans' Administration Archives

NAME Rivers, Benjamin GRADE Private LINE North Carolina

WARRANT NUMBER 12522 and 13651 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED December 13, 1796  
To Gabriel Holmes, assignee

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Rivers, Richard GRADE Private LINE Maryland

WARRANT NUMBER 11651 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED January 11, 1796  
To Joshua Ward, assignee

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NUMBER

S. C.

Rivers, Samuel

S. 21948

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S<sup>t</sup> Carolina

Samuel Rivers  
of Charleston in the State of S<sup>c</sup> Car  
who was a p<sup>r</sup> in the Company - command  
by Captain Bequer of the - - - - - command  
by - - - - - in the S<sup>c</sup> Car  
line for

Inscribed on the Roll of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina  
at the rate of 50 - Dollars - - - Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1832  
Charleston, S<sup>c</sup> Car

Amount to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept 1832. 200 -  
Semi-annual allowance ending Jan<sup>y</sup> 1833 40

\$240 -

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *John* Clerk  
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South Carolina  
City of Charleston

On the twenty fifth day of September  
Aino Domini 1832 appeared before  
me Thomas Le district Judge for  
South Carolina Samuel Rivers aged  
Eighty six Years a resident of this City  
who being duly sworn according to  
Law doth on his Oath make the follow-  
ing declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the Act of Congress passed on 7  
June 1832 That he served in a  
Company of Grenadiers under the  
Command of Cap. Peter Bogquet from the  
Year 1775 to 12 May 1780. That he  
marched with the militia to the  
Siege of Savannah and assisted in  
defending Charleston and was made  
a Prisoner when Charleston fell.

Sworn to before Sam<sup>l</sup> Rivers  
me at W Rivers  
House the day & Year  
above Written. Mr  
from infirmity being unable  
to go to court Mr R. made  
by Mark being unable from  
a contraction of his fingers to  
write his Name

Thos Le Dist Judge  
S Carolina

He hereby declares that he is not a  
slave or a person for whom any  
claim is made and that he is not  
a person who has been or is now  
in the service of any State or  
any other person.



Charleston 16<sup>th</sup> Decr 1833

Supplemental Affidavit of Samuel Raven  
made in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act  
of for pass. passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 granting  
Pensions in certain Cases.

The said Samuel Raven deposes that the  
Officer commanding the Grenadier Com-  
pany in which he served was Capt. Peter  
Boegert, that for the Officer under whom  
Command Capt. Boegert served he has  
known it is sufficient to refer to the History  
of the Revolution. He entered the Company  
when it was formed in 1775, and the Com-  
pany was engaged in all the Military Ser-  
vice which devolved on the Citizens of Char-  
leston from that Period to with some excep-  
tion the Battle of Fort Moultrie to the  
Fall of the City in May 1780. after which he  
remained a Prisoner of War until he was  
exchanged under a Parole near the close  
of the War, he thinks in 1782.

That during that Period he was in actual  
Service at the Attack on Fort Moultrie at  
last Siege. He is a son of the Revolution against

the lines & in the movements connected with it at  
four weeks the attack on Savannah & the movements  
connected with it at Charleston Six - Weeks, & in  
the siege of Charleston and preparatory and  
afterward movements at Charleston three  
months. Make in the whole at least twenty eight  
weeks. That he is eight or nine years of age and  
conferred to his Birth - That he is well known  
to the citizens of Charleston generally and  
especially to the Judges of the  
Court & Dr. Smith.

Sworn to before me this 24 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1833 at his house he being  
confined to bed & unable  
from the cramped state of  
his fingers to do more than  
make his mark *(initials)* J. S. of  
Charleston 16 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1833.

The Subscribers certify that they have known  
the above named Samuel River, ~~and~~  
and from their earliest recollection, that  
he has always borne the reputation of a  
good Whig & they would believe his Repre-  
sentation of Mr. Inman to be correct.  
Wm. H. Johnson & Co.

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section

*MMNF*

August 17, 1938

Mrs. J. Carter Bardin  
429 Centre St.,  
Dallas, Texas

Madam,

*Reference  
Miss M. Bardin*

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S. 81948 it appears that Samuel Rivers while a resident of Charleston, South Carolina enlisted in 1775, served in Captain Peter Boquet's Company of Grenadiers under Colonel Maurice Simons in the South Carolina Troops, was in the battle of Fort Moultrie, Siege of Savannah, Georgia, and Siege of Charleston, South Carolina, where on May 13, 1780 he was captured and held a prisoner of war until exchanged in 1782.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1838 while a resident of Charleston, South Carolina aged eighty-one years.

There is no family data on file.

Respectfully,

E. W. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner.



New York.

or  
Reeves, Daniel  
Reeves.

R. 8842

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Rix, Adam GRADE Sergeant LINE Pennsylvania

WARRANT NUMBER 10248 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED March 10, 1790  
To - not shown -

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Rix, Christopher GRADE Private LINE Massachusetts

WARRANT NUMBER 4925 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED Feb. 6, 1797  
to Benj. Fessenden

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Loonn.  
R.I.

Rix, Nathan

NUMBER

S. 14.306

carded.

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To Utica - 9/10/41

from Connecticut

Nathan Rix

of Norrick in the State of Conn.  
who was a Pri - in the Conn. army  
by Captain Mott - of the Reg. commanded  
by Col. Ely in the \* Conn. State Troops. &c.

E. S. Brown

Account completed Feb. 1833

Inscribed on the Roll of Court  
at the rate of 80 Dollars 00 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 26 day of March  
1883 and sent to as  
Child - Norrick let -

Arrears to the 1st of March: 33: \$16.00  
Semi-ann. allowance ending Sep. 1. 33: 4.00  
\$20.00

{ Revolutionary  
Act June 7, 1833

Recorded by E. D. Bullock  
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Transf. to Utica for 4 March 1833 notice sent to  
J. B. Billings Brown, Burlington & later  
March 27. 1833

State of Connecticut

County of Meriden City of Norwich

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832 personally appeared in  
open court before the city court now in session at  
the city Norwich in said county being a court  
of record and having jurisdiction to any and all  
Nathan Pix a resident of the city of Norwich aged  
about twenty three years who being first duly sworn  
according to law doth on oath make the following de-  
claration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of  
Congress passed June 7. 1832: That in March 1776 he en-  
tered the service of the United States, and served as herein  
after stated. In March 1776 he enlisted into into the  
company of foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut, com-  
manded by Captain Edward Mott of Preston (afterwards  
Major Mott) for nine months. We went to Fort Gris-  
wold and remained there until September of that  
year. In September (Capt Mott having been appointed Major) we  
marched under Capt. Oliver Cort of Preston, to Kings Bridge  
in New York and joined the Continental army - from  
there we retreated to White Plains - there the time for  
which I enlisted expired & I came home. John James  
was our Lieutenant when here. After we joined the con-  
tinental army we were in the regiment com-



mander by Colonel John Ely — and we were  
commanded by General Putnam — We were at the  
Plain at the time of the battle there, and our compa-  
ny were not in the battle but were entrenched near  
there — I recollect that we were so near, that the head  
one of our men, was wounded by a cannon ball.  
Since Mack is now living and knows that I was there.  
After I came from White Plains, <sup>In the year 1777</sup> I enlisted again into  
Captain West's company. Aa Kenney was our Ensign  
& the man who enlisted me. I enlisted for fifteen  
months and we went to Rhode Island to a place  
called Howland's Key. I was one of the men who were  
selected to go upon Rhode Island to take General Pres-  
cott. ~~We~~ went in whole boat to the Island — and took  
the General while he was in bed, and carried him  
to Greenwich — Maj. Banton was the officer with whom  
I went to take Gen. Prescott. — I recollect that when we  
took the General, we did not stop to let him dress  
himself, but he took his clothes in his hands. We  
were in the room here the whole time of fifteen  
months.

In 1780. orders were received to raise men to join  
the continental Army. The quota of men to be raised  
<sup>the town of</sup> by ~~Preston~~ was raised by volunteers. I volun-  
teered as one of the men, and went to West Point

then to join the Continental Army. I joined the army  
for eight months. It was in the month of May that we  
left home. Soon after I arrived at West Point. I was put  
among those who were under General La Fayette.  
I remained in the Brigade commanded by La Fayette  
till the expiration of the eight months for which I  
was enlisted. After I joined La Fayette's Brigade, we  
marched to Mifflintown we were there most of the time  
till I came home. After expiration of my time  
I came home. After we arrived at West Point we were  
in the regiment commanded by Col. Herman Sargent.  
General Frederick Huntington was our General. We  
were most of the time at Nelsons Point the opposite  
side of the river to West Point, but it was called West  
Point. I was picked out by Baron Steuben to compose  
the part of the light infantry under La Fayette. - I have  
no papers relating to my services, nor is there any of-  
ficer within my knowledge, who is living who  
knows any thing about it. I have always heard in  
Ortwin till about twelve years since. I then re-  
mained to Norwich where I now live and have heard  
there ever since. I refer to the following persons  
for my character. Hon James Linn - Hon Col.  
Sam Gould - Hon John W. Huntington. Hon  
Noyes Barber - Gen Ebenezer Huntington. George

Hill Eng. Rev. Seth B. Paddock. - Since King says  
that he has some distance from any clergy-  
man, & there is no one of that profession who knows  
anything about the general belief that he was  
in the army.

Since King hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a  
pension or annuity except the present and declares that  
his name is not on the pension <sup>roll</sup> list of ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> state  
any state  
I have sworn & subscribed in  
open court on the day & year aforesaid }  
attest - Alex Lathrop Clerk

We Jacob Meech & Ezekeiel Rude residing in  
Preston in New London County

hereby certify that we are acquainted with Nathan King of  
 Norwich who has subscribed & sworn to the above <sup>declaration</sup> ~~certification~~  
that we believe him to be seventy three years of age, that he  
is reputed & believed to have been <sup>in</sup> the Army of the United States  
among the inhabitants of the neighborhood where he  
resides & we are of that opinion.  
I have sworn in open court - the  
day & year aforesaid -

Jacob Meech  
Ezekeiel Rude

attest - Alex Lathrop Clerk



State of Connecticut  
County of Newham for City of Norwich

On the 15 day of December A.D. 1832 personally  
appeared in open court before the City Court  
now in session at the City of Norwich in said  
County, being a court of record, the same An-  
thony who on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1832  
before said court made Oath a declaration  
for the purpose of obtaining a pension under  
the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832, and be-  
ing first duly sworn according to law, making  
the following additional declaration on oath.  
for the purpose of more fully complying with  
the regulations of the War Department.

I was born in the town of Ouston in the County  
of Newham on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Nov. A.D. 1759.

I have no record of my age in my possession -  
nor can I find any - my age was recorded in  
a family Bible many years since, but that can-  
not now be found.

I was living in Ouston when called into the  
service, and have ever since lived there and

in Norwich or stated in my former declaration.

How I was clothed into the service, and the officers with whom I served, I have stated in my former declaration.

I never received any discharge, nor have I any documentary evidence of my services.

I state also in addition to what was stated in my former declaration, as a reason why I have not procured the certificate of a clergyman, that the clergymen in the city of Norwich where I live are all of them young men - have been settled there within a few years, and they know nothing of any reputation of my being in the army.

~~This~~ statement in my former declaration that I enlisted into Capt. West's company in the year 1777, having been doubted, or opposed by the letter of J. L. Edwards Esq. dated Nov. 3. 1832. I state that since my former declaration I obtained the depositions of Rufus King and Ephraim King to the fact of my going into the State of Rhode Island in the army about the time named. I have made diligent

search for other testimony but I can find no person living who knows of my services at that time.

The said King repeats his former statement respecting his services in the State of Rhode Island, with this further statement in explanation: "His former declaration was misunderstood by the ~~State~~ Department, as appears by the Edwards letter of Jan. 21, 1877, in which it is stated: "there is a strong presumption against his statement as it is not known that either the State of Connecticut or the Continent raised any troops for that period". The troops with whom he was associated in 1777, as stated in his former declaration were raised by the State of Rhode Island and not by the "State of Connecticut or the Continent". Am. Penney was a resident of the town of Pawtucket at that time & he had an offer of an ensign's commission in Capt. White's company (raised in R. Island) in



case he would raise a certain num-  
ber of men to belong to the company. He  
raised the men in Boston on the orders  
of the State of N. H. and a priv. Rif was  
one of the men. He went with Eugene Kim-  
mey & joined Capt. West's company of Rhode-  
Island troops at Howlands ferry in the State of  
Rhode Island. Some Kimmey's commission was  
received from the government of the State of  
Rhode Island. Some Rif service during  
the whole time for which he enlisted, &  
the nature of his service, his being with  
Maj. Boston, his assisting in taking  
Gen. Prescott, are so fresh in his mem-  
ory that he cannot be mistaken.  
The services in question are proved by  
the depositions of Rufus Rif & Ephraim Rif  
which are herewith annexed.

Said Piff hereby relinquishes all claim  
whatever to a pension except the present  
and declares that his name is not on  
the pension roll of the agency of any  
tribe.

Vatnon Piff

Sound City C. D. Dec. 15. 1882

Shown in open court on the  
day of our said hearing in open  
court.

Attest. Alex. Lathrop Clerk

and the said court do certify that Rufus Piff and  
William Piff whose depositions were produced in court  
and taken, and appended to the above proceedings, are  
each of them credible witnesses and respectable citi-  
zens, and their statements are entitled to full  
credit. Also that Stephen March Esq. who has signed  
the annexed deposition is a justice of the peace is  
a justice of the peace, and the writings and signatures  
purporting to be written by him are in his own  
proper handwriting. The court also find that the  
above named applicant, is a credible person and  
an intelligent man. Also that Josiah March, Esquire  
Judge. Voltaire Monson, whose depositions are appended  
to former declaration <sup>each of them</sup> are credible persons and  
their statements entitled to credit.

The court also certify that in opinion of the

investigating the subject, that some apprehensions  
a soldier in the army of the revolution and served  
as he states,

Attest Alex Lathrop Clerk

I Alexander Lathrop Clerk of the City  
Court of the City of Norwich certify that  
the foregoing contains the original proceedings  
of the said Court, in the matter of an  
additional application of Nathan Briggs for  
a pardon. And I have approved this  
declaration to a former declaration of  
D. Briggs made in Court July 14. 1832. In tes-  
timony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my seal of office this  
15 day of Dec. 1832.

Alex Lathrop Clerk



I James Rix of Griswold in the County of Kent  
on & State of Connecticut sixty six years of age  
testify & say that some time early in the late revolu-  
tionary war I had a Brother by the name  
of Rufus Rix who together with Nathan Rix  
who was a near neighbor to me both enlisted  
as Soldiers in one company & went away into  
the Army as I understood in the State of  
Rhodesland, they were gone a number  
of Months, (the exact time I cannot recollect)  
& both returned to their own place of residence  
the common report was that they had been  
Soldiering and further say not -

dated at Griswold

James Rix

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December D1832

I Ephraim Rix of Voluntown in the County of Windham  
& State of Connecticut testify & say that I am Seventy four  
years of age, that early in the late revolutionary  
war I had a Brother by the name of Rufus Rix  
& a Cousin by the name of Nathan Rix, & that  
both of them enlisted to go a Soldiering both in  
one Company & that they went away and was gone  
a number months (the exact time of this enlistment  
& the time they were gone I cannot recollect, but should  
think it was over twelve months the report was that  
they had been to Rhodesland & served this time  
there & further say not.

Ephraim Rix

dated at Griswold this 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of December D1832.

Application for a transfer

State of New York

Orange County, ss

on this 6th day of August 1833

before me two subscribers a Judge of the  
County Court personally appeared Nathan

Rich and being by me duly sworn who on

his oath declares that he is the same person

who formerly belonged to the company of

volunteers commanded by Captain West

in the regiment commanded by Col. Tappan

in the service of the United States that his

name was placed on the Prisoner Rolls of

the state of Connecticut from whence he has

been released that he now resides in the

County of Orange and State of New York

where he intends to remain and wishes his

name to be there placed at the United

States Branch Bank at Otisville in the

and that his reasons for removing to the

State of New York is that he has become

old and infirm and wishes to spend the remain-

der of his days with his wife and family

Billings and son that resides there

and Subscribed to

before me this day and

year aforesaid

James C. Ward and  
Judge of Orange County  
Court

Nathan Rich

SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass.

Rip, Nathaniel

N. 22065

Lucretia

CONTENTS



3232.

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*New Hampshire*

*Nathaniel Rie*

*private*

*Massachusetts line*

*1781. 3 yrs*

In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

Inscribed on the Roll of *New Hampshire*,  
at the rate of *8* Dollars per month, to commence on  
the *15<sup>th</sup>* of *April*, 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the *2<sup>d</sup>* of *Oct.* 1818  
and sent to *Ezra Bartlett, Esq.*  
*Grafton N. H.*

Arrears to 4th of *Sept.* 1818. *4 mo. 20/30. 37.33*  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending *4<sup>th</sup>* *Nov* 1819. *48.00*

*785.33*

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

*Continued*

*March 1818*

*Indication sent September 13<sup>th</sup> 1820 to*  
*George Woodward, Grafton, N. Hampshire*

6343

Concord, N. Hampshire

Lunetia Rix

Wife

widow of Nathaniel Rix

who was a Private

in the Revolution

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
80 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843.  
December

Certificate of Pension issued the  
6<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1844  
and sent to Kimball & Merrill  
Haverhill, N. Hampshire

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

Recorded in Book A. 8 June 17, 1844

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Rep?

Claim under resolution Jan. 23.  
1845 rejected. See letter to Mr. Kimball  
1845 15 Jan. J. R. Reding A. R.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Grafton 88.)  
ON this *fifteenth* day of *April* 1818, before me the  
subscriber, one of the Judges of the *Court of Common Pleas for said*  
*County* personally appears *Nathaniel Rix*  
aged *fifty three* years, resident in  
*Flaverhill* in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to  
law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made  
by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the  
land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the  
said *Nathaniel Rix* enlisted in *March 1781*  
in the State of *Massachusetts*  
in the company commanded by Captain *Nehemiah Emerson* of the *12<sup>th</sup>*  
*Massachusetts Regiment*, afterwards transferred to the *2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup>*  
*Regiment in the Massachusetts line*; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States,  
until the *22<sup>d</sup> day of December 1783*  
, when he was discharged from service in *West Point*  
State of *New York*; that he was in the battles of  
*Knicksbridge or Harlem Heights* and  
that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for  
support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.  
Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

*Ezra Bartlett*

I, *Ezra Bartlett* Judge of the *Court of Common*  
*Pleas*  
as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said *Nathaniel*  
*Rix*  
did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the com-  
mon enemy; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to  
the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned  
act of Congress.

*May 6<sup>th</sup>* 1818.

*Ezra Bartlett*



Samuel Tappan and Lucretia Belknap  
were married, June eighteenth, seventeen  
hundred and eighty eight.

I, Labare Sawyer certify, that I am  
Clerk of the town of Athol, in the  
county of Rockingham, and State of  
New Hampshire. That the above is a true  
extract from a book of records, now in  
my possession, with the exception  
of the date, which stands on the book  
in fair and legible figures, as follows.  
viz June 18<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Labare Sawyer Town Clerk  
Athol, Dec. 20. 1843.

State of New Hampshire.  
Rockingham ss. Athol Dec. 20. 1843  
Personally appearing, the above named  
Labare Sawyer, made solemn oath, that  
the above certificate by him subscribed  
is true. Before me  
Grenville Clarke. Justice of the Peace

State of New Hampshire.

Grafton p.

I Samuel Sewasey, Register of the Court of Probate holden at Acworth in and for said County, on the twenty first day of January, A.D. 1845 hereby certify that Satisfactory Evidence has been Exhibited to said Court that Lucretia Rice late of said Acworth deceased, was a revolutionary pensioner of the United States at the rate of Eighty dollars per annum. That she was the widow of Nathaniel Rice late of s<sup>d</sup> Acworth deceased. That she was such pensioner at the time of her death under the Act of March A.D. 1843. That she died on the fifth day of January 1845. & that she left four children only, whose names are Capt Rice Timothy Rice, Jacob Le Bosquet and John L. Rice.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Probate this twenty first day of January A.D. 1845.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Sewasey Reg<sup>r</sup>.

State of New Hampshire, County of Grafton - ss...

On this Twentyfifth day of December Eight hundred & forty three, personally appeared before me Hosea S Baker, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State & County aforesaid, Lucretia Rix of New Hampshire State & County aforesaid aged 75 years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions, made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of Nathaniel Rix who was a private in the Army of the Revolution and that he was inscribed on the pension list roll of the New Hampshire Agency, at the rate of Eight Dollars per month. That she was married to Nathaniel Rix at ~~Stinson~~ N.H. on the Eighteenth 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1788. That said Nathaniel Rix died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the present month

Signed before us

H. S. Baker

(William A. Stronagy)

Lucretia Rix

Sworn to and subscribed this twenty fifth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty three before me

H. S. Baker Justice Peace

State of New Hampshire  
Grafton County etc.

I Nathan Weston, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the County & State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Hosea S. Baker is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said



Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the resolution of Congress  
of the 23<sup>d</sup> January 1845

Whereas the act of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1811 prohibited Lucretia  
Rix late of Haverhill in the County of Grafton and State of New  
Hampshire from drawing a Pension for the same period  
during which her husband was a Pensioner I John L. Rix of said  
Haverhill administrator of the estate of said Lucretia Rix now  
make the following statement under oath to obtain the  
benefits of the resolution above mentioned The said Lucretia  
Rix was the widow of Nathaniel Rix who was a private  
in the war of the Revolution; she drew a Pension at the  
rate of eighty Dollars per Annum from the fourth day of  
December 1813 or was entitled to a Pension from that period  
till the day of her death and I now ask for the amount  
due her from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1836 to the fourth  
day of December 1843 when her former Pension com-  
menced -

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John L. Rix

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February  
in the year 1845 at Haverhill in the County of Grafton and  
State of New Hampshire - D. C. Churchill Justice of the Peace

I certify that the said Lucretia Rix was personally known  
to me in her life time and I know her to be the widow  
of the said Nathaniel Rix and the individual that she  
is represented to be in the foregoing affidavit. I also  
certify that the said John L. Rix is the identical person  
apparent administrator of the estate of said Lucretia  
Rix.

D. C. Churchill Justice of the Peace

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Rixford, Benjamin GRADE Private LINE Artillery Artificers

WARRANT NUMBER 13680 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED August 23, 1791  
to Not shown

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass

Rixford, Henry  
Catharine

W. 2344

B.L. Mt. 14539.160-55

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From 15. 1799

New York to  
Massachusetts  
Henry, Niagara

of Suffolk County in the state of New York

who was a Private in the Regiment commanded by

Colonel of the Mapapach

line, for the term of Three years

Inscribed on the roll of New York

at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence

the 4 of May 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 15 of Sep. 18

and sent to John M. Isaacs Esq.

Sag Harbour New York

Arrears to 4th of Sep. 1819 128.26

Semi-ann. all'ce ending Mar. 1820. 48.00

15th No. 28 4  
31 30

\$176.26

Cont'd { Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Notif<sup>n</sup> sent Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1820

to Charles F. Foley Esq.

Att. of Suffolk Co

at Smithtown

1320  
 Massachusetts  
 Catharine Rixford  
 widow of Henry Rixford  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a Private

Major General  
 Inscribed on the Roll at the rate  
 of 90 Dollars  
 Cents per annum, to commence  
 on the 4th day of March, 1848.  
 3 February 1853

Certificate of Pension issued  
 the 16th day of Aug. 1853  
 and sent to

James Draper  
 Spencer  
 Mass

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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3 February 1853

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Maple St

Catharine Rixford  
wid. Henry Rixford Pair

Prisste. of Putnam

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Rev. 7 was  
Rev. 9 persons  
Map. 53-1320

Al. 1600's Jan 17/56  
Bridge.

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Clarion  
Spencer Mass.

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of February 3d, 1853

State of Massachusetts }  
Worcester County }

On this fourteenth day of April 1853, personally appeared before the subscriber, Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester aforesaid, Catharine Dixford, a resident of Spencer in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the law of the United States passed on the 3d of February 1853. That she is the widow of Henry Dixford, who was a private in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution, and who received a pension of Ninety six Dollars per annum, under the act of the 18th of March 1818, to which reference may be had for the evidence of his services as aforesaid; That she was married to the said Henry Dixford on the twenty seventh day of March in the year eighteen hundred and twenty five. That her husband the aforesaid Henry Dixford died on the twentieth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and forty one. She further swears that she is still the widow of the said Henry Dixford, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

Catharine Dixford

Sworn to and subscribed by said declarant on the day & year first above written. Before me.

And I certify that said declarant is too infirm to appear in open court, and that I have no interest in the result of this case, and am in no way engaged or employed in the prosecution thereof.

Thos. Hinckley, Judge of  
Probate for said County  
of Worcester

<sup>Not</sup>  
Form of a Declaration

To be made by the widow of a deceased person who has not had  
a land warrant.

State of Massachusetts }  
County of Worcester } ss.

On this twenty first day of April A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Catherine Piskford aged seventy two years a resident of Spencer in the State of Massachusetts who being duly sworn according to law declare that she is the widow of Henry Piskford deceased who was a Private in the Revolutionary War and continued in said service as she believes three years or more for the proof of which and for the time and the place of his enlistment and discharge she hereby refers to the documents filed in the Department of the Interior by which she receives a pension under the act of February 3, A. D. 1853. She further states that she was married to the said Henry Piskford at Spencer aforesaid on the twenty seventh day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty five by one George Thrippen a Minister of a Baptist society in said Spencer, and her name before her said marriage was Catherine Newton, that her said husband died at said Spencer on the twentieth day of May A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty one that she is now the widow of the said Henry Piskford and has never married since his death and she hereby requests that the warrant when issued may be sent to James Draper Esquire of Spencer in the State of Massachusetts.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1853.

Catherine Piskford

State of Massachusetts }  
County of Worcester } ss.

The above declaration was subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written.

James Draper Justice of the Peace

I Edward C. Dyer Town Clerk of the Town of Spencer in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts hereby certify that the following are true extracts from the records of said Spencer, viz.

" March twenty seventh one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
" five Mr Henry Dieford and Miss Catherine <sup>both of Spencer</sup> ~~Huntton~~ <sup>wives</sup>  
" married by me George Shippen Baptist Minister."

" Henry Dieford died May twentieth one thousand eight hundred,  
" and forty one."

I certify that they are true copies of the Record with the excep-  
tion of the date which are copied on the record in fair legible  
figures as follows.

" March 27th. 1825."

" May 20th. 1841."

I Edward C. Dyer above named depose and say that I hold  
the office of Town Clerk in the Town, County and State aforesaid  
and that the above are true extracts from the records of said  
Town with the captions above named as testified by me.

Edward C. Dyer { Town Clerk  
of Spencer

State of Massachusetts }  
County of Worcester } April 27. 1855  
Sworn to before me

James D. Cooper Justice of the Peace

H. B. The above words both of Spencer were indorsed by me

James Cooper Justice of the Peace



District of Sag Harbor  
Suffolk County, N York S S

On this fourth day of May 1813. Before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County personally appeared Henry Rixford aged sixty five years or thereabout, resident in the said County, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War": That he the said Henry Rixford (then of Haverick, State of Massachusetts) in 1774. enlisted as a Minuteman and in April 1775. at the first Alarm. Marched to Roxbury and continued part of that Campaign. In the Spring of 1776. enlisted and Marched to the Lakes, and after the Campaign was over returned Home. In January 1777. enlisted in the regular Army in Capt. Daniel Chays Company and Co. Rufus Putnam's Regt. received recruiting orders and after recruiting my Quota I received a sergeants warrant and marched to White Plains, was placed in Brigadier Genl. Mifflins (Brigade) in the Massachusetts Line, and in 1780. Obtained a regular discharge. That he was in the Battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains, the Battle between Fort Mifflin and Fort Edward under General Schuyler, and in the Battle at the taking of Burgoyne; and that he is the person who volunteered with two others and cut loose the Enemies Boats and brought them to our army in a Log. And that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.  
I John D. Wilson Judge de as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Henry Rixford did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy; and I now transmit the preceding and testimony taken and read before me to the Secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid mentioned act of Congress — John D. Wilson

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER.

County of *Worcester* ss.

On this *Thirtieth* day of *April* 182*4*, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of *Worcester* personally appeared *Henry Ringford* who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain *Daniel Shays* in the regiment commanded by Colonel *Rufus Putnam* in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of *New York* from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the state (district, or territory) of *Massachusetts* where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future. *Henry Ringford*  
mark.

Sworn and subscribed to, before }  
me, the day and year aforesaid. }

*Seth Field Justice of Peace*

WAR DEPARTMENT, Pension Office, August 13, 1818. The oath to be taken before a duly qualified magistrate, whose official character and signature must be properly authenticated, by the certificate of the proper officer, under his seal of office.

*Brookfield*  
*April 30<sup>th</sup> 1824*

*Seth Field Notary Public*

State of New York, Suffolk County, ss. At a Court of Common Pleas held  
at the County Hall at Riverhead in & for the County of Suffolk  
on the third day of October 1820 being a Court of Record by  
the Constitution & Laws of the State of New York with power  
to hear try & determine according to Law all actions real  
personal & mixed arising within the said County and also  
all transitory actions although the same may not have arisen  
within the said County personally appeared in open Court  
Henry Rippe aged sixty seven years & upwards a resident  
of the Town of Southampton in the County & State aforesaid who  
being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare  
as follows Viz that he did serve in the Revolutionary war in  
the Continental establishment in the Regiment commanded  
by Col. Rufus Putnam in the Company commanded by Col.  
Daniel May in the Massachusetts Line three years & nine  
months and that he was honorably discharged from the ser-  
vice that the date of his original declaration under the  
act of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 was the fourth day of May 1818  
that the number of his Pension Certificate is 15.199 And  
I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the Uni-  
ted States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 that I have not  
since that time by gift sale or in any other manner dispo-  
sed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to  
diminish the same as to being myself within the provision  
of the Act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain  
persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United  
States in the Revolutionary war" passed 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818  
and that I have not nor have any person in trust for me  
any mortgages or securities contracts or debts due to me nor  
have I any income other than that contained in the sched-  
ule hereto annexed & by me subscribed And I do further  
swear that I am at present a common laborer, that my age  
& infirmities render me unable to earn my daily bread.



that I have no wife or family & that I am unable by means  
of my property & labour to support myself without the aid  
of my country or other assistance  
sworn & declared this 3<sup>d</sup> day of  
October 1820 in open Court before Henry <sup>his</sup> Rippard  
the Sheriff thereof  
Charles F. Floyd Clerk

A Schedule or Statement of the whole estate & income  
of Henry Rippard in the above Affidavit named  
his necessary wearing apparel excepted viz  
one axe  
Henry <sup>his</sup> Rippard  
mark

Suffolk County ss I Charles F. Floyd Clerk of the Court of  
Common Pleas of the County of Suffolk do hereby  
certify that the foregoing Oath and the schedule  
thereto annexed are truly copied from the Record  
of the said Court. And I do further certify that it is  
the opinion of the said Court that the total amount  
in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid  
schedule is one Dollar & Twelve Cents. In testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the Seal  
of the said Court on this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October 1820  
Charles F. Floyd Clerk

SERVICE

NUMBER

New York.

Rixford, Joseph

N. 5708.

" Raxford

" Rexford

CONTENTS

Anna

1773—

Connecticut

Joseph <sup>Roxford</sup> ~~Roxford~~  
of Sharon in the State of Connecticut  
who was a Private in the company commanded  
by Captain Junkham of the Regt <sup>commanded</sup>  
by Col Willis - in the Connecticut  
line for 4 yrs -

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of 36 — Dollars — Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1832 — and sent to U. S. Dist  
Salisbury. Conn.

Amount to 1st of Sept 1832 \$ 45<sup>—</sup>  
Pensioner's allowance ending 1st Mar: 1833 15<sup>—</sup>

\$ 60

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by E. J. Bullork Clerk  
Book L Vol. 3. Page 64<sup>c</sup>



820  
 New York City  
 Anna Rixford  
 widow of  
 Con<sup>n</sup> Joseph Rixford  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *Private*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
 30 Dollars 00

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1857  
 and sent to

G. B. Coy &  
 Bloomingburg  
 Ct.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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1850  
1775  
1775  
THE  
NEW TESTAMENT

OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVIOUR

JESUS CHRIST,

TRANSLATED  
OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK;

AND  
WITH THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS

DILIGENTLY  
COMPARED AND REVISED.

1828-1845  
HARTFORD:

PRINTED BY HUDSON AND CO.

1818.

Hartford, Joseph  
NY W 5708

Joseph Rayford born March  
5<sup>th</sup> 1763  
Thomas Rayford his wife born  
Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1775  
Maryanna Rayford born April  
15<sup>th</sup> 1801  
Delia Rayford born March 5<sup>th</sup> 1803  
Joseph W Rayford born April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1805  
George H Rayford March 30<sup>th</sup> 1808  
John Rayford Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1811  
Mary Rayford Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1815  
William S Rayford August 7<sup>th</sup>  
1817  
Maryanna died July 14<sup>th</sup> 1817  
Daniel Taylor  
born May the 10 1846



District of Connecticut ss. County of Litchfield, County Court.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of RECORD for said county in said district, having the power to fine and imprison Joseph Penfold,

aged 57 - years resident in in said county, who being

first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows:

That on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, on such his Oath declares that he enlisted into Capt. Valt Dunham's Company in a Regt. commanded by Col. John M. Pinstney in the Spring of the year 1781, & thinks in the month of March, that he enlisted for nine months & that he immediately joined said Regt. at Saratoga in the State of New York, & continued to do garrison duty there for about eight months and was taken into & so continued, until some years after that he left Saratoga on furlow, & at the end of said nine months received an honorable discharge from said Col. John M. Pinstney, & he received his wages for nine months service. The above service was in the War of the Revolution & upon the Continental establishment. He was, after recovering from his sickness for a number of years troubled with fits that in some measure impaired his understanding, & continues to this time an infirm man - that he has lost his discharge having not seen it for several years -

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Joseph Penfold.

Schedule — Inventory of Joseph Rexford's  
property:—

One Bed, and the one half of another  
and the Bedding, worth not more  
than ten Dollars ————— \$10. 00

One Pot and one bottle. ————— 3.  
\$13. 00

Joseph Rexford. ————

State of New York }  
Sullivan County } ss

Be it known that on this 17th day of January 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the County Court of Sessions in and for the County of Sullivan in the State of New York the same being a Court of Record Anna Rexford a Resident of the Town of Salisbury in the County of Sullivan aforesaid aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to Law and cloth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 29th of July 1848 that she is the Widow of Joseph Rexford now deceased who was a Soldier and served as such during the War of the Revolution and that he was in the receipt of a pension at the rate of \$30 dollars per annum at the time of his death under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. She further declares that she was married to her late husband the said Joseph Rexford on or about the Ninth day of October AD 1799 by John Lotthrop a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Dutchess in the Town of Annua in said County in the State of New York aforesaid and that her husband the said Joseph Rexford died on the twelfth day of April 1836 in the Town of Sharon in the County of Litchfield in the State of Connecticut and that she has not remarried but remains a Widow ever since the death of her said husband as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof hereto annexed and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the service of January one thousand eight hundred and thirteen at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a Widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension under any one of the existing pension Laws to the Pension Department. She further declares that she had been married about eighteen months before she gave birth to her eldest child Almavilla Rexford on the 18th day of April 1801 and she gave birth to her second child Rexford on the 5th day of March 1803 whose ages are recorded on the annexed leaf which leaf was taken from the family Bible formerly owned by her and her said husband the said



Joseph Bedford and that said Record is correct and  
what it purports to be  
Subscribed and  
sworn before me  
by making him swear  
The 17th day of January 1850  
H. R. Sedgwick  
Justice of the Court of Sessions

STATE OF NEW-YORK: }  
Sullivan County  
Clerk's Office.

I Certify That H. R. Sedgwick Esq., the person subscribing  
the annexed or foregoing deposition and before whom the same was taken  
was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1850 a Justice of the Peace in and for  
said County, duly elected and sworn and authorized to take the same; and that his  
signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
seal of the said County this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June A. D. 1850

Edw. Wales CLERK.

State of Connecticut, County of Litchfield  
J. Probate court of Sharon.

At a court of Probate for the district of Sharon holden  
at Salisbury in and for the District of Sharon on the  
30<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1832. Presents

Samuel Church Esq. Juas

On this 30. day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared  
in open Court before the court of Probate for the district  
of Sharon the same being a bond of Record, now sitting  
Joseph Rector a resident of Sharon in the County  
of Litchfield & State of Connecticut & Probate district  
of Sharon aged as he believes about seventy years  
who being first duly sworn according to Law  
doth on his oath make the following declaration in  
order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress  
passed June 7. 1832. I was born in the said Town of  
Sharon, on a white quite young was bound and  
apprentice to one Rector Menden of Chatham  
in the County of Columbia & State of New York  
then called the Gore, when I was about fifteen years  
of age my master the said Rector Menden was called  
to serve in the State troops or New York Militia  
by reason of the alarm occasioned by the advance  
of the British Partisans Pratt & Butler, at this  
time I volunteered as a substitute for the said

Ranken Muster in the said Militia of the said State  
of New York, I was ordered under Captain Bartholo-  
meus Parrott, with other troops and crossed the Hudson  
River at Albany thence to Schenectady and up the  
Mohawk River to a place called Warrens Bush  
about ten or fifteen miles South of the Mohawk River  
Soon after this I was engaged in the battle <sup>against</sup> the  
French under the said Brant & Butler, on the  
same day that Colonel Brown was killed at a  
place called Stone Roby a Stone Crater. Colonel  
Brown was killed by Brant & Butlers forces in  
the fore part of the day & we had the fight with  
them in the afternoon near night & drove  
them across the Mohawk River, we followed the  
enemy to a place then called Fort Schermerhorn, I  
did not follow the enemy any further, but I remained  
at the Fort & kept guard until I returned home  
& I was absent at this time in the service as before  
stated about one month. General John Van Rensselaer  
was out at the same time & as near as I recollect  
had the chief command. I had no discharge from  
any person, but was dismissed as soon as the Con-  
tinental troops arrived to take our place.

I was sixteen years of age the next March after  
my return home as aforesaid & during the same  
month of March I enlisted for nine months service  
in the New York State troops in the Continental line  
or new levies. I cannot remember what we were



called, I enlisted under Captain Holt. I was born near  
the town of Stock the township of the old Chatham in  
the said County of Columbia. The name of the  
Army Company I have forgotten, the Adjutant of  
the Regiment of which I belonged was H. O. A. and  
the name of the Major was John McHenry and  
the name of my Colonel was Keller as I think, when  
I enlisted as a private I resided at the said Chatham lived  
with my mother the said Parker. I do not  
remember the year in which I enlisted, it was while  
they were raising the nine months men, I was  
marched to Saratoga in the State of New York  
and remained there in service until near the  
expiration of my term of enlistment, when after  
having served between eight and nine months I  
was taken sick & my father came after me &  
I returned home, I was not during that term of service  
engaged in any battle, but was occasionally employed  
on sentry. I don't recollect the names of any other  
officers who were at Saratoga than those already  
named, except a Captain Gray and General  
Seyles near whose place of residence I was  
stationed. I contracted a disease during that term  
of service which was the occasion of leaving the  
service, which continued for about three years, &  
this was the reason I suppose why I received no dis

charges. I know of no person now living by whom I can  
prove the services aforesaid; but on a former occasion  
I made application for a pension under the Law  
of 1818, when I obtained the testimony of My Major  
the said John de la Rensselaer of the County of Columbia  
and State of New York who made oath to my  
services as aforesaid, and also the affidavit of my  
brother Lemuel de la Rensselaer who then lived in Cohasset  
in the said State of New York. These affidavits were  
forwarded to the War Office & I have not seen them  
since nor do I know where they are. Major de la Rensselaer  
is since dead & from my brother I have not been  
heard & do not know whether he is alive. I do  
not know in what year I was born & have no  
record of my age. Ever since I was twenty one years  
of age I have lived on the said town of Sharon, except  
about eight months when I lived in Hudson  
in the State of New York, & I now live in said Sharon.  
I do not recollect the number of names of the Regiment  
to which I belonged, nor any other officers than our Regiment  
than those above named. I am known to Agnes  
Twiss Esq. Hon. Abel Sturges, Hon. Charles F. Smith  
with Jacob Chamberlain Esq & Thomas Heath  
and many others who can testify to my character  
for valour and their belief of my services as  
a Soldier of the Revolution.

He the said Reston hereby relinquishes every  
claim whatever to a pension or annuity except  
the present & declares that his name is not on  
the pension roll of the agency of any State to  
his knowledge

Sworn to & subscribed the day &  
year aforesaid.

his  
Joseph X Reston  
Mark

We Thomas Heath and Jacob Chamberlain  
being in the town of Sharon in the County of Litchfield  
State of Connecticut hereby certify  
that we are well acquainted with Joseph  
Reston who has subscribed & sworn to the above  
declaration, that we believe him to be seventy  
years of age, that he is white and married  
in the neighborhood where he resides to have been  
a soldier of the Revolution we concur in that  
opinion. Sworn to & subscribed by. Thomas Heath  
Jacob Chamberlain

And this last both certify that the certificate above  
annexed was sworn to and subscribed according to  
law in open court by the said Thomas Heath  
and Jacob Chamberlain Esquires and this



State of New York 33  
Sullivan County

Do it known that personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Sullivan Henry Rexford who being duly sworn and on his oath states that he is a son of Joseph Rexford deceased a late resident of the State of Connecticut, that he was a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death & drew a pension at the rate of \$30. per annum under the act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. & that this defendant Henry Rexford is interested in obtaining an increase to said pension that there is no widow of the said Joseph Rexford now living & that he has been advised & informed that an increase of said pension would be due to the surviving children of said Joseph Rexford. Henry Rexford

Subscribed & sworn before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1857  
J. O. Dunning J.P.

Know all men by these presents that I Henry Rexford one of the children of the said Joseph Rexford deceased do hereby constitute and appoint H. H. Webster & W. B. French my true & lawful attorneys for me & in my name to examine the declaration and other papers on file in the office of the Commissioner of pensions all of which contains the application of this said father for a pension for the purpose of obtaining an increase to said pension  
Witness my hand  
J. O. Dunning J.P.  
Joseph Ellis witness  
Henry Rexford

STATE OF NEW-YORK:  
Sullivan County  
Clerk's Office.

I Certify That J. O. Dunning Esq., the person subscribing the annexed or foregoing deposition and before whom the same was taken was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October A. D. 1857 a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly elected and sworn and authorized to take the same; and that his signature thereto is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1857

Edw. Wales  
CLERK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
for a statement of the military history of Joseph Bixford,  
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-  
sion on file in this Bureau.

*Name also appears as Baxford & Bixford.*

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
1780	1 mo.	Put.	Bartholomew Barrett	✓	N.Y.
Mar. 1781	9 mos.		Holt Dunham	Millett	

Battles engaged in, Stone Arabia

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Ghatham, Columbia Co., N.Y.

Date of application for pension, Dec. 27, 1820. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Litchfield Co. Conn. Sharon, said Co. in 1822.

Age at date of application, born in Sharon, Conn. Mar. 5, 1762.

Remarks: He mar. Oct 9, 1799 at America, Dutchess Co. N.Y. Anna — & Dec. 21, 1775,  
he died Apr. 12, 1836 at Sharon, Conn. and she was allowed pension on an application  
executed Jan. 17, 1850 while a resident of Fitchburgh, Sullivan Co. N.Y.

Only Joseph R. — He

See family record on separate sheet

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

M. B. H.

Rev. War Section,

November 26, 1915.

Mrs. S. L. Kellerman,  
Box 1473,  
Boise City, Idaho.

Madam:

In addition to the military history of Joseph Rexford,  
Wid. File No. 5,708, Rev. War, you are furnished the follow-  
ing family data from the papers on file.

Almarilla Rexford	born	April 15, 1801,	died July 14, 1817.
Delia Rexford	"	March 5, 1803.	
Joseph W. Rexford	"	April 2, 1808.	
John M. Rexford	"	March 30, 1808.	
Rebecca Rexford	"	October 9, 1811,	married April 3, 1838
Henry Rexford	"	February 12, 1815.	Charles Taylor.
Luther S. Rexford	"	August 7, 1817.	
Maria Ann Taylor	"	December 8, 1838.	
Harriet Matilda Taylor	"	March 29, 1839.	
Willum H. or W. Taylor	"	July 10, 1841.	
Marilla - - -	"	June 28, 1845.	
Daniel Taylor	"	May 10, 1848.	



Freman Willam Thurston born August 18, 1831.

Willam W. Thurston " September 23, 1833.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Thompson".

Commissioner.

SERVICE

Mass.

Rixford, Samuel  
Elizabeth

NUMBER

W 18.819.

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*411 Increased*  
*New York ally*  
*Elizabeth Rixford*  
 widow of *Samuel Rixford*  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *Private*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
*90* Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the ~~4th day of March~~, 1848.

*1<sup>st</sup> day of July*  
 Certificate of Pension issued the  
*29<sup>th</sup>* day of May 1857.  
 and sent to

*A. Ely.*  
*Watertown*  
*N.Y.*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
 February 2, 1848, Page 1, Vol. 4.

*H. C. Pondus*  
*Clk*



10.075  
New York

Samuel Rixford  
of Jefferson Co. in the State of N. York  
who was a Private in the company commanded  
by Captain J. Turner, of the Regiment commanded  
by Colonel W. Jackson in the m. a. l. line,  
for the term of the war, from 1790.

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 0 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1822.

Certificate of Pension issued the 22<sup>d</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1823,  
and sent to Hon. M. Sterling,  
House Rep.

Portion of  
Semi anl. all<sup>y</sup> ce ending 4<sup>th</sup> March 1823. 30. 96.

4 mo. 27  
31

\$: 30. 96

{ Revolutionary claim,  
Acts March 18, 1818,  
and May 1, 1820. }

Jefferson County -

Dead

Paid at the Treasury under  
the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> April  
1838 from 4 March 1835 to  
3 June 1835, the day of  
his death - Agt notified  
21 June 1839

Mr Samuel Pixford and Mrs Elizabeth Butterfield both of Packersfield were joined in wedlock by the Rev Jacob Foster December twenty eighth in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred eighty six.

I Oliver P. Sewell Town Clerk of Nelson do certify that the above is truly copied from the Records in my office with the exception of the dates which are on the Record in fair legible figures as follows Mr Samuel Pixford and Mrs Elizabeth Butterfield both of Packersfield were joined in wedlock by the Rev Jacob Foster Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1786.

I Oliver P. Sewell depose and say that I am Town Clerk of the town of Nelson formerly called Packersfield in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire and that the above is a true copy of record with the exception therein named Attest. Oliver P. Sewell Town Clerk of Nelson.

Subscribed and sworn to this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838  
Before me.

J. ROBBINS Justice of the peace

State of New Hampshire  
Cheshire County ss.

I Henry Coolidge Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature for the County of Cheshire certify that Josiah Robbins was on the 16. day of October instant and still is a Justice of the Peace in said County of Cheshire duly commissioned and sworn - and that his name above written is his genuine signature

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Keene this twenty second day of October A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty eight

H. Coolidge, Clerk

State of New York

Jefferson County: On this 2 day of October 1838  
personally appeared before the Hon. Calvin McKnight  
first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for  
the County aforesaid Elizabeth Rixford a resident  
of the town of Orleans in the County of Jefferson  
aged <sup>years</sup> twenty four, 30 Aug. 1838 who, being first duly  
sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make  
the following declaration, in order to obtain the bene-  
fit of the provision made by the act of Congress,  
passed July 7. 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and  
pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow  
of Samuel Rixford who was, a waiter, in the fore  
part of the war, then enlisted for three years and then  
for and served during the war as she has been  
informed & believes to be true and that a part of  
the time he was a Corporal: That the said Samuel  
was a Pensioner of the United States under the Law of  
1818 and on the roll of the New York agency & by a minute  
on the back of his Certificate was a member of Capt. ~~William~~  
Williams Co. 3<sup>d</sup> Regt. She further declares that she  
was married to the said Samuel Rixford on the  
14<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year seventeen hundred  
and Eighty three; that her husband the aforesaid  
Samuel Rixford died in the month of June One  
thousand Eight hundred and thirty five: that she does  
not now recollect the day - that she was not married  
to him prior to his leaving the service, but the  
marriage took place previous to the first of  
January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz.  
at the time above stated. That her name before marriage  
sworn to & subscribed, on the ~~roll~~ was Elizabeth Butterfield & was  
day and year above written before married at Nelson, then  
the called Packfield New Hampshire, by Rev Mr Foster & that  
Calvin McKnight first Judge of Jefferson County  
Elizabeth Rixford  
mark



I hereby certify that Mrs Elizabeth Rixford  
who has submitted the foregoing declaration cannot  
from bodily infirmity attend the Court

John M Knight first  
Judge of Jeff County Courts

Levi S. Rixford being sworn says that he is a  
son of Samuel Rixford a person one of the United  
States deceased: that the said Samuel died  
in Ellensburg in the County of Jefferson as he is informed  
& believes to be true in the month of June 1835: that  
he left a widow who at that time was in Orleans  
in said County, that the said Widow is still  
living: that her name is Elizabeth Rixford, the  
foregoing declarant, that she has not been married  
since the death of her husband the deceased  
Samuel Rixford but still continues his widow.  
On this 2<sup>d</sup> day of October 1838 L S Rixford

Levi S Rixford made solemn  
oath to the truth of the foregoing  
affidavit signed his name  
there to before me

John M Knight first  
Judge of Jeff County Courts

I certify that the above named L. S. Rixford is a credible  
person

John M Knight first  
Judge of Jeff County Courts

Original claim

District of New York County of Suffolk

On this 9th day of October 1822 personally appeared in open  
it being a Court of Record for said County Samuel Rifford resident  
in said County aged fifty seven years who being first duly sworn  
according to law doth on his oath ~~and~~ the following declara-  
ation in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of  
Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the  
said Samuel Rifford enlisted for the term of three years in  
March in the year 1780 in the state of Massachusetts in the  
company commanded by Captain Thomas Turner in the  
Regiment commanded by Col Henry Jackson in the line  
of the state of Massachusetts on the Continental establishment  
that he continued to serve in said Corps until the fall of 1783  
when he was discharged from the said service at West Point  
in the state of New York by Capt William to whose company  
he had been transferred in 1782 that he was in the Battle  
of White Plains & that he knows of no other evidence  
except what is hereunto subscribed. And in pursuance  
of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was  
a resident citizen of the United States of America on the  
18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by  
gift sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my  
property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish  
it in order to bring myself within the provisions of an act  
of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons  
engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United  
States in the revolutionary War passed on the 18th day  
of March 1818 that I have not nor had any person  
in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts  
due to me nor have I any income other than what is  
contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed  
Samuel Rifford

I Henry Woodward Clerk of the County of Suffolk do certify that  
of the Court of Common Pleas for said County do certify that  
Samuel Rifford appeared in open Court this 9th day of  
October 1822 and subscribed the foregoing  
declaration H. Woodward

Samuel R. Ford

On Final Settlement  
certificates Vol. 1-P. 155-

Col. H. Jackson.

Major Regt.

1780 - war.

Jefferson Co. -



Q 15- Samuel J. Rifford  
 sworn & subscribed in open Court this 9th October 1822  
 H. H. Woodward Clerk of Lefferson Common Pleas  
 Filed Oct 9. 1822

I Henry Woodward Clerk of the Court of Common  
 Pleas of Lefferson County New York do hereby  
 certify that the foregoing oath and <sup>the annexed</sup> schedule are  
 copies from the <sup>original</sup> records of the said Court, and I do  
 further certify that it is the opinion of the said  
 Court that the total amount of property exhibited in the  
 above said schedule is fifteen dollars.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the said  
 Court this twelfth day of October 1822  
 H. H. Woodward

for \$1.04

Rev. and 1812  
War Section.

*Rev*

*Aug*

May 18, 1928

J. L. M. Corison, Jr.  
Congregational Parsonage  
Nashua, Iowa.

Sir:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 18819, it appears that Samuel Rixford served in the early part of the war and was in the battle of White Plains. He enlisted in 1780 and served as a private and corporal in Captain Thomas Turner's and Captain Williams' Companies, Colonel Henry Jackson's Massachusetts Regiment, and was discharged in the fall of 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 9, 1832, at which time he was residing in Jefferson County, New York, aged sixty-seven years.

He died June 3, 1835 at Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, New York.

The soldier married December 28, 1786 at Packersfield (which was later Nelson), Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Mrs. Elizabeth Butterfield. They were both then of said

Packersfield.

She was allowed pension on her application executed October 2, 1838, at which time she was living at Orleans, Jefferson County, New York. She was born August 30, 1764.

In 1848, she was living in Watertown, New York.

The soldier's son, Levi S. Rixford, testified in the case in 1838. His age is not given.

There are no further data as to children.

The above noted Samuel Rixford (all spellings of that name searched) is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT  
Commissioner.



SERVICE

NUMBER

*Mass.*

*Rixford, Simon*

*S2073*

*Carded*

CONTENTS

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Pennsylvania

Simon Riford

of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of Pennsylvania  
 who was a Private in the Company commanded  
 by Captain Holden \_\_\_\_\_ of the Regt. commanded  
 by Lt. Holden \_\_\_\_\_ in the Massachusetts  
 line for 3 years Private \$80.00

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania  
 at the rate of 80 Dollars \_\_\_\_\_ Cents per annum,  
 to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January  
 1833 and sent Hon. J. Ford  
 House Reps

Arrears to 1st of Sept. 1832. - \$120.00  
 Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st Mar. 1833. 40.

\$160.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
 { Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by  
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**BRIEF in the case of** *Simon Riasford* **of the County**  
**of Tioga** **in the State of Penn.<sup>a</sup>**  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *69 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
In 17	—	5	—	<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. Holden, Capt. Holden</i>
	3	—	—	<i>ditto</i>	<i>Col. Putnam, Capt. Hayes</i>
	3	—	—	<i>ditto</i>	<i>Same Col. Capt. Vose</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *White Plains, with the Indians, Bernesees heights, Valley Forge, Tany Town near Tapon Bay.*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Grafton Mass.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *No addition*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? ~~no~~  
*No Clergyman's Certificate*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Levin Bell*  
 Examining Clerk.



State of Pennsylvania  
Siga County ss

On this twenty fifth day of September A.D. 1832  
Personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Edward  
Therrick President and his associate Judges Ira Melburn and  
Samuel W. Morris Comparing a Court of Quarter Sessions of the  
Peace in and for Siga County now sitting Simon Rixford now  
Resident in the Township of Westfield in said County Aged Sixty  
nine years last October, who being first duly Sworn according to  
law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order  
to obtain <sup>the benefit of</sup> a Pardon of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832  
that he Entered the Service of the United States or Enlistes under Capt  
John Holden in the Town of Sutton Massachusetts for five months  
in a Regiment Commanded by Col. Holden Brother to Capt Holden  
marched to New York City from thence Kings bridge was taken Prisoner  
by the British after three or four days made his escape from them by  
Swimming the North River in the night, joined his Regiment again  
near White Plains, was in the Battle at White Plains, was wounded  
in the Right foot by a ball, was discharged about three miles above  
White Plains by my Capt. the March following Enlistes again under  
Capt Daniel Shayer in the Regt Rufus Putnam Gen. Nicholas  
Brigade for three years joined the Army at Picksville & Marched about  
four miles above Fort-Edward, had a Battle with the Indians in  
which Nine of his Company were killed and scalped and others wounded  
Retreated to Stillwater there made stand, under the Command of  
Gen. Schuyler, after this Gen Gates took the Command, was then  
then drafted <sup>out</sup> of Capt Shayer Company into Capt Thos Vose Com-  
pany of Artillery was first <sup>appointed</sup> Gunner by Col. John Crane, was in the  
Battle at Bemise heaths and served as first gunner, served his time out  
took discharge in Albany Signed by Col. J. Crane, Enlistes again in Shiver-  
by's <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ former Capt Vose and same Col as above for three years  
more and serves as first gunner again under the same Officers as above  
mustered at West Point and Marched to the Southward, joined Gen-  
Gates Army was in my Station as Gunner at the Battle of Valley Forge  
was Present when Cornwallis Surrendered his Army

(Carried over)

(lost entry)  
Marched back from Valley Forge to West Point. Served as first Gunner  
in both Campaigns five years or more and at the close of the War was  
discharged at West Point by Col. J. Crane which discharge <sup>was</sup> all burnt  
together with my dwelling house in Winchester in the State of New-  
Hampshire in the County of Cheshire.  
The declarant further States that in another battle at Terry Town near Long  
Bay while warmly engaged with the British Shipping our long twelve  
pounder burst which from that time has materially injured the hearing of  
the declarant to his great damage, he would further State that he made  
application for a Pension under the Act of Congress of March 18. 1818  
before Ira Kilburn one of the Judges of the Court in and for Tioga County  
Pa that he <sup>papers</sup> were sent on to the War department, and sent back for want  
of further proof which was then <sup>not</sup> attainable, after this his having some  
Property Excluded him until this time, - The declarant hereby Relin-  
quishes every claim to a Pension whatever or an annuity Except the  
Present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the  
Agency of any State. - I do the Applicant

State that there are no claims being put

Answers to Interrogatories by the Applicant, by the Hon. Court

1 I was Born in Medway in Massachusetts in the year 1768

2 The Record of his age was burnt with his house in 1776

3 He first Enlisted in the Service of Great Britain in 1776  
since which time I have lived in Winchester in the  
State of New Hampshire and now live in Pennsylvania

4 Enlisted for each of the Terms of Service

The Applicant further States that he knows of no claim  
against him he can prove his Service in Revolutionary War  
in presence of


his  
Witness  
Mark

Sworn & Subscribed the day  
& year aforesaid

Levi B. Wright Oath

SERVICE

Mass.

  
Rixford, William

NUMBER

S. 11289

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13233  
Full Name

William Rixford  
of Winchelsea in the State of Mass.  
who was a Private in the company commanded  
by Captain of the 2nd Mass. Regiment  
by Col. and on the 7th  
line for 23 men 10 days

Mass. Line. Apr. 10/65.  
Records corrected.

Inscribed on the Roll of 1833  
at the rate of 8 Dollars 77 Cents per annum.  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1st day of June  
1833 and sent to the  
Hon. Lullard to be taken on the

Amount to the 1st of Jan. 1833 \$57.50  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 1st Sept. 1833 8

516.92

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by J. H. and Main Clerk,  
Book 1, Vol. 1, Page 115.

*Reagan*

*11289*  
**INVALID.**

No.

*11289*

*William Rixford*

*Pr New Mas*

Act:

*June 7<sup>th</sup> 32*

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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## Declaration,

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE, }  
COUNTY OF CHESHIRE.

On this *twenty first* day of *August* 1832 personally appeared in open Court. *before the Hon. Aaron Matson Judge of the Court of Probate for said County of Cheshire* —

now sitting, *William Rissford* a resident of *Manchester* in the county of *Cheshire* and State of *New Hampshire* aged *76* years last *December* who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

- 1<sup>st</sup> In 1775 the day of the Lexington fight I went on alarm to Cambridge & waited there for 8 months, Capt Cushing's (comp) Col Morris Regt stationed there went onto *Windsor* till the night before the battle when the battle retreated off to Cambridge helped build for *20* *thence* to *Dorchester* at that point I remained there the spring following having staid about one year.
- 2<sup>d</sup> In 1776 I think in June or July again for 6 months Capt Nices Co Col Morris Regt went to the state of *New York* to *Kingsbridge* up to *White Plains* *thence* to *Troytown* & *Kingston* was at *Troytown* at the time of the battle at *White Plains* was dismissed *thence* at the
- 3<sup>d</sup> In 1777 enlisted for 3 months in the same company went to *Barnington* *thence* to *Half moon*, — returned from war in the *New Hampshire* line under *Genl Stark*
- 4<sup>th</sup> In 1778 enlisted again for 3 months went to *Rhode Island* Captains *arrived* went onto the *Island* soon after end of the *Island* but the fort was evacuated the expiration of my term of service I dismissed *thence* that he was born at *Wiching* *Rhode Island* *AD* 1756 = that he appears there is a record of his name in *Genl's* *list* of *officers* *into* the *service* he lived in *Manchester* *thence* that since the *Revolutionary* *War* he has lived, and now lives in *Manchester* *New Hampshire* —

that he is not one of no other officers except those included in the above declaration

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

before me Aaron Matson Judge of Probate



We, Foster Alexander and William Holmes Esquires,  
residing in Winchester N.H.

hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with *William Rixford* who has  
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be *twenty six*  
years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have  
been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

*Foster Alexander*  
*Wm Holmes*

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter,  
and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named  
applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certi-  
fies, that it appears to them *that Foster Alexander and William Holmes*  
*who have signed the preceding certificate are residents in the*  
*Town of Winchester aforesaid and are credible persons and*  
*that their statement is entitled to credit*

*Arnon Mathon Judge of Probate*  
I, *the Parker Register* of the Court of Probate for said County of Cheshire  
do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the  
matter of the application of *William Rixford* for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this *twenty first*  
day of *August A.D. 1832*

*the Parker* } *Register of said*  
                          } *Court of Probate*

*deceased in Col or Maj. Cuthberts regiment in which*  
*has been to Bunker's - was in Bunker's battle*  
*and dropped there at the expiration of any term of service*

*and in Col Whiting's regt. does not remember his*  
*services except in order to take a part at the upper*  
*night before we arrived there on the island till the*  
*that he never received any written discharge*

*that Foster Alexander and William Holmes Esquires are*  
*neighbors to him, and can testify as to their belief of his*  
*character for truth and veracity and of his services as*  
*a soldier of the Revolution*

*Wm Holmes*

Declaration  
of  
William Rufford

Winchester

10.432 N.H.

State of New Hampshire

Cushing St. April - 11 - 1833. Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, William Ripford, the within named applicant when being duly sworn, deposed and said, that he enlisted <sup>as a private</sup> in Sept. 1774. in Capt. Cushing's Company and Col. Maud's Regt. Continental troops, and that he was killed into service and discharged the nineteenth day of April following and served as he states, in the within declaration, being the first service mentioned therein - that he was dismissed the first and second day of April 1776. making one year and 7 months from the time he enlisted until dismissed and one year excepting 17. or 18 days from the time he reenlisted until dismissed - that he enlisted again as a private in June 1776. for six months in Capt. Rice's Company Col. Dana's Regt and served the full term of his enlistment as mentioned and particularly set forth in his declaration within, being the second service therein mentioned - that he enlisted again in 1777 and served three months as mentioned in his declaration within, being the third service mentioned therein - that he enlisted again for 3 months in 1778 and served the full term of his enlistment as mentioned in his declaration within being the 4th and last service mentioned therein - that he served in all the services above mentioned as a private, except the third service when he was a corporals that Ezra Conant is a clergyman in said Ministry, and has lived a bachelor to within forty five years, and can testify as to his character for veracity and of his belief of his service as a soldier after the Revolution - that he has not been able to find any person who served with him in the services above named -

Sworn to before me the day & year above said.

A. H. Bennett Just. Peace -

Ezra Conant, a clergyman residing in Minster N.H. hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with William Ripford who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to be about seventy seven years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier after the Revolution and that I concur in that opinion -

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above said before me. A. H. Bennett Just. Peace -

I certify that the above named Ezra Conant is a man of truth and veracity -

A. H. Bennett Just. Peace



Cheshire. May 17. 1833

I Salma Hale, Clerk of the Superior Court of  
Judicature for said county certify that Asahel  
W. Bennett is a Justice of the Peace in and  
for sd County and believe that the two official  
signatures of his name on the foregoing page are  
in his own hand writing. In testimony whereof  
I hereunto affix the seal of sd Court

S. Hale Clerk

10.432

Wm Rixford

Post 23 Mr 19 day

\$78.77.

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16 P. 281

March 1. 1833

Wm. H. Hubbard  
H H

~~Wm. H. Hubbard~~  
~~Reene~~  
H H

H. H. Hubbard  
Charleston  
H H

**BRIEF in the case of** *William Rixford*  
**of Winchester** *in the State of New Hampshire*  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *open Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *Seventy six years.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.	
	Years,	Months,	Days.		Gen.	
<i>selected</i> In 1775 - about	<i>7</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>Capt Cushing.</i>	<i>Col Ward.</i>
" 1776 June		<i>6</i>			<i>Capt Rice.</i>	<i>Col Dana.</i>
" 1777		<i>3</i>				<i>Col Cushing (of Mass.)</i>
" 1778		<i>3</i>				<i>Col Whiting.</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Bunker Hill, Bennington.*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Shrewsbury, Mass.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *two persons testify to traditionary evidence.*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*G. Kinty* Examining Clerk.



SERVICE

NUMBER

*Va.*

*Roach Absalom*

*S. 7404*

*carded*

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Dead  
Letter to T. W. Kilmer 11. Feb 1842.

Letter to W. Gilmer Hop Reps. July  
9<sup>th</sup> 1842

Paid at the Treasury under  
checks of April 6<sup>th</sup> 1838 and Aug  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1842 from Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1839 to  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1840. Agents notified Aug  
17<sup>th</sup> 1842.

7167  
Virginia  
Abalom Roach

Rank Co in the State of Virginia  
was a private in the Company commanded  
Captain Madison of the Regt. commanded  
Col Taylor in the  
for 2 years from -

★  
Va. Line July 12, 1904  
Records completed. ★

Described on the Roll of Virginia  
at the rate of 80 Dollars 00 Cents per annum.  
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 8 day of March  
1833 and sent to  
Reynolds Chapman Orange Co Va  
bears to the 1st of March 1833 \$160.00  
Com-mant. allowance ending Sept 1833 40.00

\$200.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. L. Williams Clerk,  
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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

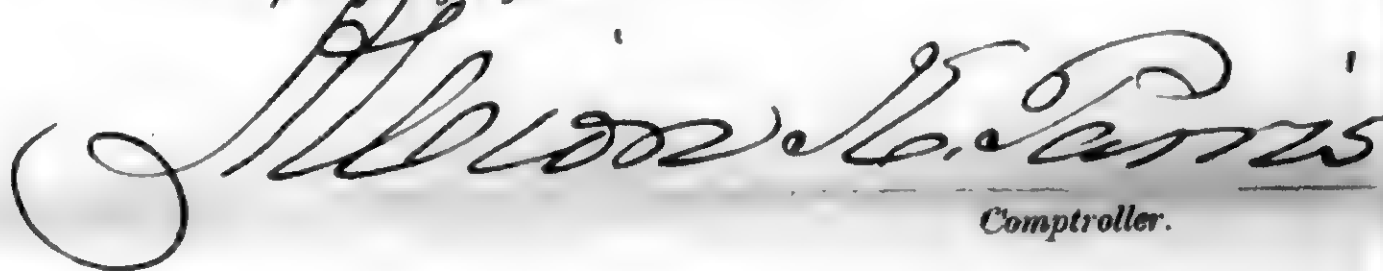
SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

September 10<sup>th</sup> 1842.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An Act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," and the 3d section of the Act of August 23, 1842, extending the time within which pensioners may receive their pensions from the pension agents, The children of Absalom Boach, decd. a Pensioner on the Roll of the Richmond, Va. Agency, at the rate of Eighty ——— Dollars and ——— Cents per annum, under the law of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1839, to the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1840.

Respectfully, yours,



Comptroller.

To the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS,

Present.



**BRIEF** in the case of *Abraham Roach*  
of *Orange County* in the State of  
(Act 7th June, 1839.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *a Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *72*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Enlisted</i> In 17 <i>Drafted</i>	<i>2 and upwards</i>			<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. Taylor</i> <i>Capt. Madison - My Roberts Col</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Yorktown*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Not stated*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Living Witnesses*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *Correct*

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Dyer-Castor*

Examining Clerk.

State of Virginia,  
Orange County, fc

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the peace of the County Court of Orange now sitting, Absalom Roach a resident of the said County and State aged 72 years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832. - "That he entered <sup>into</sup> the <sup>State</sup> service of Va. in what year he does not <sup>now</sup> recollect & served in Col Francis Taylor's Regiment of the Va. line under the following Officers to wit, Col Francis Taylor, Maj. Roberts, Capt Ambrose Madison and after he resigned, Capt James Burton and Lieutenant John Goodall; that he served at the Banackport in Albemarle and at Winchester upwards of two years. He enlisted for no definite period. it was until the prisoners should be disposed of. He marched from Albemarle to Winchester, he was discharged at Winchester in the same year that Wallis was taken. He returned home to Orange after his discharge and in a short time was drafted to go to York, and was there at the taking of Wallis. He marched the prisoners from York to Winchester and was there discharged from the militia service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

I sworn to and subscribed the day aforesaid

signed

"Absalom <sup>this</sup> Roach"

mark

Rev. and 1812  
War Section  
MKH/col

March 19, 1929

*McKinney*  
Mrs. Roy W. ~~Wicks~~  
1505 Broadway  
Paducah, Kentucky

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 7404, it appears that Absalom Roach enlisted, date not stated, "served at the barracks in Albemarle and at Winchester upwards of two years" in Captains Ambrose Madison's and James Burton's Companies, Colonel Francis Taylor's Virginia Regiment, was discharged in 1781 and returned home to Orange. He re-enlisted in the same year and was at the taking of Cornwallis, length of service not stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, while a resident of Orange County, Virginia, aged seventy-two years.

He died, February 6, 1840, leaving children but their names are not shown and there are no further data concerning his family.



Due to the very large number of requests similar to  
yours and the lack of a clerical force available for the  
purpose, only two histories are furnished each person.

Respectfully,

E. W. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Continental (Va.)

Roach Burdett Price V. 1936  
Burdett Price  
Elizabeth

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333 Rich<sup>d</sup>  
*Virginia.*

*Elizabeth Roach*

Widow of Burdett P. Roach

who served in the Revolutionary

~~unknown~~

war, as a

*Private*  
*of Dragoon*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
 100 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1849  
 and sent to

*Walter Coles*

*Robinson Store*

*Pennsylvania*  
*Pa*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
 February 29 1848, Page 277 Vol. 1  
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For the Purpose of Obtaining the benefit of An Act for the Relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1778. I Birdall Price Roach of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and During the War, and Continued in its service, untill its termination, at which Period I was a Private in Capt Churchhill's ~~Company~~ of Light Dragoons in the first Regiment of the Virginia Line, and also declare that when I was discharged I Authorized and empowered William Fudure to settle & collect all moneys that were due me from the United States that I suppose the said W<sup>m</sup> Fudure Received a Certificate for the Reward of Eighty Dollars which (I expect) I was entitled to under a Resolution of Congress Passed the 15 day of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1827 on the Pension List of the United States

<sup>his</sup>  
Birdall Price Roach  
mark

Before me Walter Coles a Justice of the Peace in the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia personally appeared this day William Jones & Charles Nichols of the said County who did severally make Oath that they were Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army and that Birdall Price Roach by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed was actually a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated Given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1828.

Walter Coles

State of Virginia

On this twentieth day of April eight-  
een hundred and forty nine, personally appeared  
before me Walter Scott, a justice of the County Court  
of Pittsylvania, Elizabeth Mouch, a resident of the  
said County, aged near ninety years, who being duly  
sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the  
following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of  
the provisions ~~of said~~ by the act of Congress passed  
on the 29.<sup>th</sup> of July 1848.

That Burdett P Roach who was a soldier of the  
Revolution received a pension for his services, she  
has heard much of his services, but refers to the  
papers accompanying his application for a pension for evidence of service.

She further declares that she was married to the said  
Burdett P. Roach <sup>between fifty and sixty years as a</sup> ~~at the~~ <sup>day of</sup> ~~the~~  
year of seven hundred and ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup>, that her husband  
the aforesaid Burdett P. Roach died on ~~the~~  
about ten or eleven years <sup>ago</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~deceased~~

... , that she was not married to him prior to his leaving  
the service, but the marriage took place previous to the  
2 day of January eighteen hundred Vaz at the time  
above stated. She further swears that she is now a we-  
dow and that she has never before made any application  
for a pension

Elizabeth L. Roach  
Mark

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before

Mattie Cole

one of the partners of the C. & O.

The Deposition of Joshua P Roach made before Walter Colis  
one of the justices of the county Court of Pittsylvania and state of  
Virginia on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1849 The said Joshua P Roach  
after being first sworn according to law deposes &  
swears to the following to wit that his father Burdett P  
Roach drew a pension for revolutionary services, that his  
father has lived with his mother Elizabeth Roach in the  
said county of Pittsylvania as long ago as he can recollect  
last, that his said father Burdett P Roach died on the  
20<sup>th</sup> of January 1839. and that his said mother is very  
feeble in mind and body, and too infirm to attend  
at the court house

I hereby certify that the above deposition of Joshua  
P Roach was duly taken subscribed & sworn before  
me and that the said J P Roach is a man  
of good credit given under my hand  
this 20<sup>th</sup> April 1849

Walter Colis  
one of the justices of the C<sup>t</sup>, of the



A list of Marriages solemnized by me in the year seventeen hundred twenty five -

John Nash and Susan Mallett  
Harris Adams and Francis Chatter  
Thomas Vile and Betty Lugg  
Burdet Roach and Elizabeth Mitchel  
Theodor Woodson and Anne Stotts -

M.Dates -

A list of marriages solemnized by me for the year seventeen hundred and ninety two -

William Nelson and Elizabeth Taylor  
Daniel Shoon and Martha Keatts  
Richard Keatts & Elizabeth Waller  
Ephraim Cotts and Elizabeth Bolling  
Isaac Stanley and Francis Nash  
James Roach and Mary Barro  
John Holder and Martha Caldwell  
Thomas Martin and Leary Goodiff  
James Howlin and Mary Marlow  
Elijah Lammings and Sally Astin

M.Dates -

Virginia to wit:

I William H. Junotall Clerk of the County Court of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that the foregoing lists of marriages have been truly transcribed from the originals now on file in my Office, with the exception of the dates which are corrected in the originals in figures as follows: the first "1795" the second "1792"

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1829.

Wm H. Junotall

Pittsylvania 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1828

Sir Inclosed I transmit to you the  
Claim of Berdall Price Roach, I expect  
you will find that at the time of his  
enlistment and during of The Revolutionary  
war he was known as Bradatt ~~Price~~  
that being the name of his mother, but since  
the war ended he has assumed the name  
of (I presume) his Father, but he is identi-  
fied by two soldiers who was with him  
in the Army, and saw him when he was  
discharged, they are both on the Pension  
List, if you find his claim to be just  
and that he comes under the provisions of  
the act for the Relief of Certain Officers  
& Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution  
approved 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828. Please transmit to  
me as his attorney the amount that is  
due him, together with a Certificate that  
will enable him to get his pay for the  
future. Direct it to Liberty Hall Pitts.  
County Va. I oblige you most  
Obliged  
Thos Williams

SERVICE

NUMBER

76.6

Roach, Francis

S. 32494

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Illinois 13408.

Francis Roach

Madison in the State of Illinois  
who was a Private in the Co. commanded  
by Captain Apison of the Regt. commanded  
by Col Cassin in the War of 1812  
for 7 mo. 412 days.

24 <sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Inscribed in the Roll of Illinois -  
at the rate of 24 Dollars 67 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 18. day of July  
1833 and sent to J. Rickert  
Edwardsville Madison Co. Ill.

Amount to the 1st of March 1833. 49.34  
Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Sept. 12.33  
1833.  
\$ 61.67

Recorded by *Wm. R. Palmer* Clerk  
Book *C* Vol. 8. Page 61.  
{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Let. to Richard S. Nelson

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> '47

**BRIEF in the case of** *Francis Noach,*  
*County of Madison* **in the State of Illinois**  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *open Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *93*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period,	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>April</i>	<i>In 1776</i>	<i>volunteer</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>private</i>	<i>Capt Sisson Col Caswell</i>
<i>one month at a 1781 time making</i>	<i>3</i>			<i>"</i>	<i>Capt Dougherty</i>
<i>entered into ser- 1782</i>	<i>time not given</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>Gen Clark</i>
<i>then with the Indians after 1786</i>	<i>about 2 months</i>				<i>Same Capt</i>
<i>the War of the Revolution</i>					

5. In what battles was he engaged? *none mentioned*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Dobbs County N Carolina*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *The exact amount of Revolutionary service is not given*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*George Taylor*

Examining Clerk.

State of Illinois  
County of Madison

On this third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Madison County, now sitting, Francis Roach, a resident of said County of Madison and State aforesaid, aged ninety three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated (that is to say) That being a resident of of Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina he entered the service of the United States in the month of April in the year 1776 (as well as he recollects) as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Jessons and Stephen Spiker 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. That his company was stationed at Wilmington in North Carolina with other companies under the command of Col: Richard Caswell for a short time, who was afterwards succeeded in command by Col: Bayant. That during the stay at Wilmington his company was frequently divided and a part detached to Brunswick at the mouth of Cape Fear. That he was in this service for three months.

And the said Roach further states that he removed to Dougherty's station near Danville, Kentucky about the first of March 1780. That in the year 1781 he was out three several times for about a month at a time, under Capt John Dougherty to guard the provisions. That in the year



1782 he entered into service under Genl George Rogers Clark in a company commanded by said Capt John Dougherty James Brown 1st Lieutenant. That his said company crossed the Ohio river at the mouth of Leechburg and proceeded to the Big Miamie

And the said Roach further states that he afterwards in the year 1786 entered into service under Genl Benjamin Logan in a company commanded by said Capt John Dougherty John French 1st Lieutenant. That his company crossed the Ohio at the mouth of Limestone, proceeded on a north course to the little Miamie which they crossed, and continued on the dividing ridge between the waters of the Miamie & St Johns river to Elliotts town & McGees town. That he was out on the expedition under Clark about seven weeks and on the expedition under Logan about two months

And the said Roach further states that he was born in Fairfax county in the State of Virginia in the year 1729. that he has no record of his age. that this record was once in possession of his brother now deceased, but he believes the same is not to be found. That after the revolutionary war he lived peaceably in the counties of Mercer, ~~Logan~~ <sup>in the State of Kentucky</sup> Washington and Livingston until the year 1806 when he removed to the County of St Clair in the State of Illinois now County of Madison where he still resides. That he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity

except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Svorn to and subscribed  
the day and year aforesaid

His  
Francis Roach  
mark

We John Barber, a clergyman residing in the County of Madison State of Illinois and George Thunder residing in the same county & State hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Francis Roach who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be ninety three years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion

Svorn & subscribed

the day and year aforesaid

J. Barber  
George Thunder

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that John Barber who signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman resident in the County of Madison, and that George Thunder who has also signed the same is a resident



Metropolis. Macon Co. Illinois  
4th August 1847.

Sir,

I have a few days ago been applied to by an infirm old woman who claims to be the widow of Roach, a soldier of the revolution, now deceased. She states that her husband enjoyed a pension from the government. And she believes that as his Widow the government would allow her a pension, if her case were laid before the proper department. Her marriage to Roach prior to the last War can be proved by the oral Testimony of a witness of respectability who was present at the marriage, and their living together up to the time of his death in Williamson Co. in this State is a matter of public notoriety.

I also hold a certificate of discharge from one of General Wayne's soldiers, which appears to be regular. He is an aged and respectable citizen, and beyond all doubt fought under that officer. He informs me the reason that he had not applied before is because he was told that General Wayne's soldiers were not considered entitled to a pension by the Attorney General of the U.S. in an opinion given by him on the various acts relating to pensions. But I was told by a late Senator the Honble Gadre Carey, an effort was about to be made to place that gallant General's soldiers on the Pension roll. And having been frequently brought by these individuals, and others from their vicinity who have served in the present Mexican War as to their various claims, all of which matters are out of my general routine business, I should feel obliged therefore to the



Department: for such information as may be satisfactory  
in the two cases first stated, and such documents as  
might enable me to help the latter class of claimants  
out in obtaining such bounty as is by law provided for  
them.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant.  
Richard S. Nelson

In reply to your request of                     , received                       
 for a statement of the military history of Francis Beach  
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
 information as contained in his (~~or his father's~~) application for pen-  
 sion on file in this Bureau. S. File 32,494

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<u>Apr. 1776</u>	<u>3 mos.</u>	<u>Priv.</u>	<u>Joseph Sessions</u>	<u>Richard Caswell</u>	<u>N. C.</u>
				<u>Byrd</u>	
<u>1781</u>	<u>3 mos.</u>		<u>John Dougherty</u>	<u>✓</u>	
<u>1782</u>	<u>7 weeks</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>Gov. Rogers</u>	
<u>1786</u>	<u>2 mos.</u>		<u>John Dougherty</u>	<u>Benjamin Fagel</u>	

Battles engaged in, ✓

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Little Co. N. C.

Date of application for pension, Sept 3, 1832

Residence at date of application, Madison Co, Ill.

Age at date of application, born in 1737 in Little Co, N. C.

Remarks: This claim was allowed.

Very respectfully, .

Commissioner.

SERVICE

NUMBER

*Continental (Haw.)*

*Roach, Frederick  
Margaret*

*W. 5728.*

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4818

Ohio - Wheeling Va

Margaret Roach

widow of Frederick Roach

who was a Sergeant

in the Massachusetts line

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
43 Dollars 33

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
2nd day of February 1844  
and sent to

Am. Alex. Harper

A. Rep.

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

Recorded in Book A

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Rep 2<sup>d</sup> Feb.

1844

Lancaster County Pa  
Personally appeared before the subscriber  
one of the Justices of the peace in and for the  
said County of Lancaster Mary M<sup>c</sup>Veigh  
who being duly affirmed according to law  
doth depose & say that she know Frederick  
Roach and Margaret Roach when they lived  
on Stephen Dorsey place, <sup>in Court County</sup> and that they had  
three or four children and that they lived  
together as man & wife and that she firmly  
believes that they were lawfully married  
together further saith not  
Affirmed and subscribed  
Before me John Webster Esq Mary M<sup>c</sup>Veigh  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Novm 1839

John Webster Justice of the peace for  
Lancaster County

Lancaster County Pa  
personally appeared before the subscriber one of  
the Justices of the peace in and for the County  
of Lancaster Margery Dunbar who being duly  
affirmed according to law depose and saith  
that she remembers Frederick Roach and Mar-  
garet well about the year 1794 whom she  
lived on Stephen Dorsey's place that <sup>they</sup> had  
three or four children <sup>all born</sup> and that she always  
understood and firmly believed that they  
were lawfully married and that she knew  
<sup>that Margery</sup> her before she was married to Frederick Roach  
and that her maiden name was Margaret  
Brown further saith not  
affirmed and subscribed Margery Dunbar  
before me the 5 day of  
Dec<sup>r</sup> A.D. 1839

John Webster Justice of the peace for  
Lancaster County



State of Ohio, Genesee County ss,  
On the Twenty Seventh day of  
February One thousand eight hundred and  
forty, personally appeared before me  
and associate Judge within and for said  
County of Genesee and State of Ohio, Margaret  
Roach, a resident of the township of Beaver,  
County and State aforesaid, aged Ninety  
three years, who being first duly sworn  
according to law, doth, on her oath, make  
the following declaration, in order to obtain  
the benefit of the provision made by the act  
of Congress passed July the seventh 1838, en-  
titled "an act granting half-pay and pensions  
to certain widows" that she is the widow of  
Frederick Roach, who was a gunner in Col-  
onel Dranes regiment of Artillery, that he  
enlisted in the Town of Boston State of  
Massachusetts, that he was wounded in his  
head and breast, and that he left the service  
before his time expired in consequence of  
said wounds, that she has no documentary  
evidence in her possession, they being all lost  
or destroyed, that she further declares that  
she was married to the said Frederick Roach  
on the 15th of October 1784, that she was mar-  
ried by Patrick Ewing, Justice of the peace  
Lancaster County Pennsylvania, that the  
said Frederick Roach died on the 10th  
day of December 1800, in Allegheny County  
Pennsylvania, that she has not since been  
married, that she was not married to him  
prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage  
took place previous to the first of January seven-  
teen hundred and ninety four, viz, at the time  
above stated. Sworn to and subscribed, on  
the day and year above written Margaret Roach  
Before me, William Skinner associate Judge



I Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church Lancaster, do hereby certify, that by the Parish Register of said Church, it appears that Thomas Roche, John Henry Rush Roche, David Roche, & Frederick Roche, sons of Frederick & Margaret Roche, were Baptized on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, in the year of our Lord, 1795, by the Rev. Eliza Rigg, at that time Minister of said St. James' Church.

Samuel Bowman  
Rector of St. James' Church Lancaster

Lancaster Dec. 12, 1839

I Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, being duly sworn, do declare & testify, that the above certificate is true & correct in all its parts, to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Sworn & Subscribed J. Bowman  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 1839  
before Saml Dale  
an Alderman for the City  
of Lancaster

Pennsylvania Lancaster county ss.

J. J. McSweeney, Prothonotary of  
the court of common Pleas of Lancaster county, do  
certify, that, Samuel Dale, Esquire, before whom the  
above affidavit was made is an acting alderman for  
the City of Lancaster duly commissioned and qualified, and  
that his signature is genuine, above.  
Witness my hand & seal of office December 12. 1839. J. J. McSweeney  
Prothonotary

SERVICE

Mass.

NUMBER

Roach, Israel  
Polly

W. 18.828

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Warrant 18.959

Israel Roach

of Bennington, in the State of Vermont  
who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain (Capt) of the 1st Regiment  
by Col. Cottle in the Massachusetts  
line for

2	Mo	Pvt	10.00
10	"	Pvt	33.34
			<hr/>
			\$ 43.34

Inscribed on the Roll of Vermont  
at the rate of 43 - Dollars 34 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17th day of Nov.  
1833. and Sent to -  
J. Smith, Manchester, N.H.

Amount to the 1st of Sept 1833 - 108.35  
Pension allowance ending 4 Mar '33 - 21.67

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\$ 130.02

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{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by J. D. Brown Clerk,  
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4163.  
Vermont Putney  
Polly Roach  
widow of Israel Roach  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a Private

Increased from 34<sup>66</sup>  
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
43 Dollars 34.

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
15 day of Mch 1849  
and sent to

Wm. Haswell  
Bennington  
Vt.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
February 2, 1848, Page 85 Vol. 3.

State of Vermont  
County of Bennington } On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon. The Probate Court, for the Probate District of Manchester, in the County of Bennington now sitting Israel Rock a resident of Manchester in said County of Bennington, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7. 1832.

That he was born at Rochester in the County of Plymouth, State of Massachusetts on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1757. that he has no knowledge of any Record of his age, except the Record kept in the family.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That some time in or about the fore part of January 1776, agreeably to his present recollection, he with a number of other persons at said Rochester enrolled & joined themselves into a company of minute men, so called, liable to be called out & take duty in the service of their Country at a minute's <sup>or short</sup> notice, & that they thereafter were continually occupied in drilling & martial exercises, & kept themselves in constant readiness for active duty at the call in the service of their Country - but were not called upon, until shortly within a few days of more than one after the Battle of Lexington, so called, he with others enlisted for the term of eight months, into the company commanded by Capt. Clapp & the Regiment was commanded by <sup>Col.</sup> Bottom in the Massachusetts line, at said Rochester - Immediately thereafter, being towards the latter part of April, in the same year 1776 he marched with said Company from thence to Roxbury near Boston where he was stationed through the whole of the said term of eight months, when he, with said Company, were regularly discharged by parcel, & he returned to his said home, in said Rochester, that some time after, in the latter part of August or first of September, as near as he is able now to recollect, in the year 1777, he again enlisted at said Rochester, for the term of two months into the company commanded by Capt. Haskell in the Massachusetts line - but the name of the Regiment or the names of its Officers he is not able distinctly to recollect - that he marched with said Company from thence into the State of Rhode Island, & joined an Army at that time stationed there under the command, as he now thinks, of Gen. Spencer, where he served through the whole of the said term, attempting to get possession of the Island of Providence, as he now believes, at Tiverton in said State, when he regularly discharged, with said company by parcel, & returned again to said Rochester that in the latter part of July or first of August 1778, as near as he now can call to mind, he again enlisted for the



of two months the said said Rochester in the Company in the Massachusetts  
line, the names of <sup>the</sup> Officers, as also the names of the Officers of the Regiment, to  
which it belonged, or was attached, have escaped his memory at this time, or are  
not so distinctly remembered, that he is able to state them with certainty, that he  
was appointed <sup>in the Company</sup> & did the duty of a Sergeant through the whole of said term  
- that soon after, he marched with his said Company, again into the State  
of Rhode Island - that Genl. Washington was then there, but whether he  
remained there this the whole of his said term, he does not now dis-  
tinctly remember - but he recollects that the British came at that time  
upon the possession of the Island of R. I. <sup>that shortly after his arrival</sup> there, as he now believes, the American Army, landed upon said Island, &  
soon after, on a Sunday (he remembers) a Battle ensued between the two  
armies, in which he was engaged, & which lasted according to his present  
recollection through the most of said day <sup>in which the Americans</sup>  
had the advantage, & shortly, or even then a few days <sup>after that battle</sup> he  
went aboard of their shipping & evacuated said Island - that he con-  
tinued to serve for the greater part of said time on said Island, as he  
now believes, until the expiration of his said last mentioned term  
of two months when he with his said Company returned home to  
said Rochester, having been discharged by parcel - that he removed  
from said Rochester, to the town of Hardwick in the County of Warr.  
in said State of Massachusetts in or about the month of Septem-  
ber or October in the year 1778, & from thence to Bennington in the County  
of Bennington in said State of Vermont in or about the month of May  
in the year 1787. & from thence to said Town of Manchester in or about  
the month of September in the year 1802. when he has ever since resided.  
that he has no documentary evidence to support any part of his  
Statement - that during his said last mentioned term of two months  
enlistment, he held a Warrant as Sergeant of the said Company, &  
which he so belonged - that he kept his said Warrant until after he had  
removed to said Town of Bennington, where Anthony Haswell, a Printer  
at said Bennington, requested the loan of said Warrant, as a form to print  
some blank Warrants for, & promised to return it again to him, & he ac-  
cordingly loaned the same, but that said Haswell never returned it again to  
him - that he knows of no living witnesses, whom he can procure to prove  
his said service by - that the Rev. Samuel Anderson residing in said  
Manchester, is the nearest & best informant to him - by him & by Genl. Henry  
Robinson of said Manchester, who is also a near neighbour to him, or  
by any other of his respectable neighbours, he expects he may be able  
to show his character & standing in Society, & to prove the general in-  
standing & belief of his said service. He hereby relinquishes all claims  
whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he hereby declares  
that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State of New York



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid by the foregoing,  
We James Anderson a Clergyman, resident in the Town of Manchester  
in the County of Dorsetshire & Henry Robinson a Res-  
ident of the same place here by certify, that we are well acquainted with  
Rouse, who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration - that we be-  
lieve him to be seventy five years of age - that he is reputed & believed in the  
neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution,  
What we can see in that opinion  
James Anderson.  
Henry Robinson

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid by the foregoing  
Clyson Clark Judge of Probate Court  
And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the in-  
vestigation of the matter, & after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the  
War Department, that the above named Applicant was a revolutionary  
Soldier, & served as he stated - And the Court further certifies that it appears  
to them that <sup>the</sup> James Anderson who has signed the preceding Certificate  
is a Clergyman resident in said Town of Manchester & that Henry Robinson  
who has also signed the same is a resident in the same Manchester, and  
is a credible person, & that their statement is entitled to credit, certified by  
Clyson Clark Judge of Probate Court

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
after the investigation of the matter, & after putting  
the interrogatories prescribed by the War Depart-  
ment, that the above named Applicant was a  
Revolutionary Soldier & served as he stated -  
And the Court further certifies, that it appears  
to them that James Anderson who has signed  
the preceding Certificate, is a Clergyman resident  
in the Town of Manchester aforesaid; & that Henry  
Robinson who has also signed the same, is a res-  
ident in said Manchester, & is a credible person, &  
that their statement is entitled to credit -

Judge of Probate Court

State of Vermont,

Bennington District, ss. On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October, A.D. 1838, personally appeared before the Hon. the Probate Court for the district of Bennington, now sitting, Polly Roach a resident of Bennington in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont aged seventy seven years who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Israel Roach late of Manchester, in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont, who was placed on the Pension List Roll of the Vermont Agency under the Act of June 7, 1832.

For the services of her said husband she refers to the original declaration made by him and now on file in the Pension Office of the United States. She further declares that she was married to the said Israel Roach on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of January, A.D. 1788 at Heath, Massachusetts, that


her husband the aforesaid Israel Roach died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1834, at Manchester, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, and still remains the widow of the said Israel Roach, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January A.D. 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

In presence of

W<sup>m</sup> Haswell

Fanny Raymond

Polly <sup>her</sup> Roach  
mark



I, W<sup>m</sup> Haswell Register of the Court of Probate for the District of Bennington, do certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Polly Roach for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal of office this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 1838.

W<sup>m</sup> Haswell



## RECORD of the FAMILY of Mr.

## Sherjashub Spooner.

**M**R. Sherjashub Spooner was born at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, in the year 1735, and married to Miss Sarah Whipple, daughter of Mr. Ebenezer and Mrs. Prudence Whipple, May 13th, 1760.

**P**OLLY Spooner was born July 30th 1761.

Sulanna Spooner was born August 23d 1763.

Daniel Spooner was born August 25th 1765.

Paul Spooner was born July 24th 1767.

Sarah Spooner was born February 17th 1769.

Patty Spooner was born February 28th 1771.

Nelly Spooner was born February 15th 1773.

John Spooner was born June 2d 1775. Died August 18th 1801.

Lemuel Spooner was born January 25th 1777.

Nelly Spooner died July 13th 1777.

Betty Spooner was born February 7th, 1779.

Mr. Sherjashub Spooner, Died April 23d 1785.  
in the 49th year of his age.

Mrs. Sarah Spooner, died May 13th 1796, in the  
55th year of her age.

## RECORD of the FAMILY of

## Mr. Israel Roach

OF BENNINGTON.

**I**SRAEL ROACH was married to Polly Spooner,  
January the 23d, 1788.

Fanny Roach was born December the 13th, 1789.

Anna Roach was born July 21st 1791.

Anna Roach died, September 19th, 1791.

I, Wm. Haswell, of Burlington in the County of  
Vermont and State of Vermont, aged forty eight  
years, testify and say that the within Family Record  
was printed in the Office of my Father Anthony  
Haswell, deceased, about the year eighteen hundred.  
And I further testify that I have been acquainted  
with the said Israel & Polly Roach from my  
infancy. - And further saith not.

Swoon and subscribed  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1838,

before me,

James Hubbell Justice Peace.

I certify that the above named deponent  
is a credible person.

James Hubbell Justice Peace.

I, Wm. Haswell, Register of the Courts of Probate for the  
District of Burlington certify that James Hubbell is a  
Magistrate as above, and that the foregoing signatures  
purporting to be his are genuine. - In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and sub-  
scribed my name this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1838.

Wm. Haswell

STATE OF VERMONT,

*Bennington*

COUNTY, SS.

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of

*December*

1852, before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the

County and State aforesaid, personally appeared

*Fanny Raymond*

a resident of

*Bennington* in said County, and made oath according to law, that she is

*a daughter of Israel Reach who was a Private Sergeant in the Revolution, and afterwards a pensioner of the United States, at the rate of \$43.33 per annum, and died March 28 1834 - that his widow Polly Reach was also a pensioner at the rate of \$43.33 per annum, and died May 1852, that she believes the said pensioners to have been entitled to a higher rate of pension, that she is directly interested as aforesaid, as a claimant, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of obtaining such*

*of means*

of pension as may be due under any of the laws, regulations, or decisions that

have been or may hereafter be adopted. The said affidavit further declares that she hereby constitutes and appoints

*Henry Robinson*

of *Bennington* to be her Attorney

and Agent to prosecute said claim, with power of substitution, to examine all papers and documents in relation to it, and to do all things necessary and lawful in the premises, except drawing the money, which will be hereafter provided for.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before me,

*Fanny Raymond*

*Henry Kellogg* Justice of the Peace.

I further certify that

*Fanny Raymond*

above named is a respectable resident of this

County, and is, as I believe, directly interested in said claim, and acknowledges the above power of Attorney to be her act and deed.

*Henry Kellogg* Justice of the Peace.

State of Vermont, } BENNINGTON, ss.  
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

I, SAMUEL H. BLACKMER, Clerk of the County Court for the County of Bennington, being a court of record and having a seal, as hereto attached, do certify that

*Henry Kellogg* Esq.

was at the date of the paper writings to which this is attached, and now is a Justice of the Peace

within and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified; that his signature to the foregoing jurat and certificate is genuine; that the said paper writings are executed

according to the laws of this State, and are in due form; and that as such Officer, he is duly authorized by the laws of this State to take acknowledgments of Deeds and Depositions, and to administer oaths, &c.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Court, at Bennington, in the County of Bennington, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of *December* Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two -

*S. H. Blackmer* CLERK.



SERVICE

NUMBER

MC.

Roach, James  
Ruth

N. 18,830

CONTENTS

5178  
North Carolina - 1/2  
Smith Reach demand  
of James Reach  
who died on the 23 Aug 1841  
of in the State of  
who was a rev. in the commanded  
by Captain N. E. of the commanded  
by in the  
line for Revolution

Inscribed on the Roll of Fayetteville  
at the rate of \$0 Dollars Cents  
per annum, to commence on the 1st day of  
March 1841 ending 9 June 1847

Certificate of Pension issued the 17 day of  
Aug 1857 and ind't

Amount to the 1st of September  
Semi-annual allowance ending Present

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North Carolina  
James Neach decd

of in the State of  
who was a Private in the commanded  
by Captain of the commanded  
by in the  
line for

Inscribed on the Roll of Fayetteville  
at the rate of 80 Dollars Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

25 Aug 1841  
Increased from 156.66  
Certificate of Pension issued the 19 day of

Arrears to the 4th of  
Semi-annual allowance ending

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Clerk,

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State of North Carolina

Rockingham County } N.C.

3 J. Thomas B. Whaley Clerk of

the Court of Pleas and quarters Sessions in and  
for the County of Rockingham & State aforesaid, do  
hereby Certify that satisfactory evidence has been  
exhibited at this office of said Court, that

Ruth Roach, who applied for a pension  
as the widow of James Roach, a reputed  
soldier of the Revolutionary War. died on the  
9<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1817 leaving

Surviving her the following named Children to wit

~~William~~ James, Thomas, Nathaniel, Mary, Sarah,

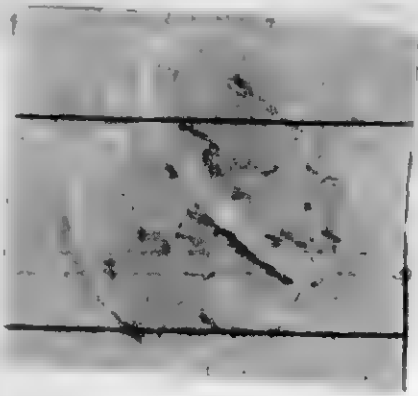
Katharine, and Lucy. Who are the only

children now known to be living of the said

Ruth Roach.

In Testimony Whereof I have  
hereunto subscribed my name and  
affixed the seal of said Court, at  
office at Newmarket this 10 day  
of August AD 1857.

J. B. Whaley C. C. C.



State of North Carolina  
County of Rockingham

Be it known that on this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1857, before the undersigned  
a Justice of the peace in and for said County  
and State aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas  
Roach a resident of said County, and  
made oath according to law, that he is the  
son of Ruth Roach, widow of James Roach  
who was a Revolutionary Soldier <sup>of the United States</sup>, that the said  
Ruth Roach made application for a  
pension under the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836, and  
that he has been informed that the said  
pension ought to be allowed; that he is directly  
interested as a claimant in said pension  
and makes this affidavit to be filed with  
such additional evidence or arguments  
as my agent may use in prosecuting  
said claim.

Sworn to and subscribed,  
the day & year aforesaid,  
Before me  
Jas D Ellington Jps

Thos Roach

Ol. James D Ellington a Justice of the peace in and  
for said County, do hereby certify that Thomas  
Roach who executed the foregoing paper is a  
respectable resident of this County, and is  
I believe directly interested in said claim  
as therein set forth.

Jas D Ellington Jps

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1857

At Thomas B. Whaler clerk of the Court of pleas and  
quarter sessions for the County of Buckingham and State  
aforesaid, do hereby certify that James D. Ellington  
before whom the foregoing papers were executed, was at  
the date of the same, a Justice of the Peace  
in and for said County, duly authorized by law to  
administer Oaths; and the name Therments  
subscribed is his proper signature

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed  
my official seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, A.D. 1857

Thos B. Whaler Clerk

Witness all men by these presents that I,  
Thomas Roach hereby constitute and appoint  
George C. Adams Esq. my true and lawful  
attorney, to prosecute the claim of said Roach  
for any amount of navigation or  
insurance of freight that may be due; and  
I hereby authorize my said agent to examine all  
papers and documents in relation to said claim on  
file in the Departments at Washington City or else  
where, to file additional evidence or arguments; and  
to receive the Certificate which may be issued for  
said claim, which Certificate I wish made payable  
to

to appoint and or more substitutes under him  
for the purposes herein expressed; and to do all  
things that I might or could do were I personally  
present, truly ratifying and confirming all that  
my said attorney and agent shall lawfully do in the  
premises, Witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1857

Thos Roach

Sequestered in the  
James D. Ellington



State of Carolina,  
Roanoke and County, On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1852, personally appeared  
before me James D. Ellington an acting-  
justice of the peace in and for the County  
aforesaid, William Roach a respectable  
Citizen and Resident of said County, and  
after being duly sworn according to law  
declares that he is the first child and  
eldest Son of James & Ruth Roach, and  
that he has no family record of his  
age, but have always understood that  
he was born about the latter part of the  
year 1780 or the first of the year 1781.  
and that he believes that he is now in  
his 71<sup>st</sup> or 72<sup>nd</sup> year of his age, and that  
he was informed by his said parents that  
he the said William was born while his  
father (the said James Roach) was in the  
service of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to & subscribed  
before me the day &  
year first above written  
J. D. Ellington Jp.

William Roach

## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, and of the 3<sup>d</sup> section of the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1866.

State of North Carolina  
Rockingham County

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1866, personally appeared before the undersigned, One of the acting Justices of the peace, and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, in and for said County; Ruth Roach a resident of said County & State, aged Eighty-nine years, who being first duly qualified according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress, Passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. and July 4<sup>th</sup> 1866. That she is the widow of the late James Roach Jr, who was a private & wagoner in the War of the Revolution;

That her said Husband James Roach to the best of her knowledge & belief; entered the service as a volunteer in the early Part of the year seventeen hundred and Eighty-one; Under Captain William Bethell; of Guilford County North Carolina; and served a three months tour as Private; and when said three months tour expired; he volunteered and served a three months tour as Wagoner, which ended on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the same year, which is plainly shown by a Discharge which he Received from one George Elliott; and is herewith sent; and soon after returning from the last mentioned tour; he again volunteered as Private under Captain Abraham Phillips of Guilford County, North Carolina; and served a three months tour; and in this tour he marched to the south; and to the Red Bank in the Eastern Part of North Carolina; and during the time he was gone in this tour their first

(Over)



Child William was born; and that he lived in the Infancy;  
and that she never understood that he was in any Battle;  
the reason she supposes that her Husband said James Roach,  
did not obtain a Pension in his life time; is that he was  
unlearned; could neither read nor even write his name;  
Thus he made application to the Hon. Augustin H.  
Shepherd, who at that time Represented this District  
in Congress, to establish his claim on the Government  
for his Revolutionary services; and said Shepherd Prom-  
ised to assist him in the matter; but from some can-  
-se or other neglected to do so;

She further declares that she was married to the said  
James Roach, in the Town of Quanten hundred &  
Eighty (1780) that her Husband said James Roach  
died on the Twentythird day of August in the year of  
Eighteen hundred and fortyone (1841) and that she  
has remained a widow ever since that Period; as  
will more fully appear by reference to the facts  
here to annexed;

That her Original Family Record  
misplaced; and that she has caused a search to  
be made by the Clerk of Guilford County; for her  
Husband's said James Roach's Marriage License  
Bond which cannot be found; that her Eldest Chi-  
ld William Roach was Born in the Town of Quan-  
-ten hundred and Eightyone (1781) when her Hus-  
-band said James Roach was gone in the service of his  
Country under Captain Abner Phillips;

Sworn to & subscribed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1846.

Before me

A. P. Robertson

Ruth Roach  
mark

A. P. Robertson certify that Mrs Ruth  
Roach who hath this day sworn and subscribed





VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

September 1, 1932

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

BA-J/MLB

IN REPLY REFER TO:

JAMES ROACH

W. 18830

Sarah Roach  
2281 Myra Street  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to James Roach, a soldier of the Revolutionary War who served from North Carolina.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 18830, based upon the Revolutionary War service of James Roach, the only soldier of that name found in the records of this office who served from North Carolina.

He volunteered early in 1781, served three months as private in Captain William Bethel's North Carolina company. At the expiration of this enlistment he volunteered and served three months as wagoner and was discharged July 4, 1781, names of officers not stated. Soon after this he volunteered and served three months as private in Captain Abram Phillips' North Carolina company.

James Roach died August 23, 1841.

Soldier married in the fall of 1780, Ruth Spyres, Spiers or Spiars.

In 1846, soldier's widow, Ruth, was aged eighty-nine years and living in Rockingham County, North Carolina.

She died June 9, 1847.

Soldier's widow, Ruth, was survived by the following children who were allowed the pension due on account of the service of

their father, James Roach, in the Revolutionary War:

William	Roach, the first child, born in the fall of 1781, and in 1852 living in Rockingham Co., N. C.
James	"
Thomas	" the eighth child, who in 1846 was an acting justice of peace in Rockingham Co., N. C., where he was still living in 1851 aged fifty-two years. In 1852 he was referred to as Thomas Roach, Senior, and was still a resident of the same county.
Nathaniel	"
Mary	"
Sarah	"
Katharine or Catharine	"
Lucy	"

In 1852, one Alexander M. Roach was living in Rockingham County, North Carolina; relationship to family not stated.

Very truly yours



A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator

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R. 8844

Roach, James  
Frances

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19325  
West Tennessee  
James Roach  
of Wilkes in the State of Tennessee  
who was a private in the corps commanded  
by Captain Noyes of the 1st commanded  
by Col Royd in the Pa  
time for 12 1/2 months

Inscribed on the Roll of W Tennessee  
at the rate of 41 Dollars 66 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 17 day of Sept  
1834, and Robert M  
Barton Secretary

Bears to the 1st of Sept \$104.13  
Semi-ant. allowance ending Mar 20 83

\$124.98

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Dan Rapp Clerk,  
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**BRIEF in the case of James Roach**  
**County of Wilson, in the State of Tennessee**  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *A Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *74 years.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Enl. In 1776.</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>pr.</i>	<i>Gen. Washington,</i>
<i>Enl. " "</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>Cap. Robt. Boyers,</i>
<i>Enl. 1777.</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>Wm. Scott,</i>
<i>" 1778.</i>	<i>Not stated.</i>			<i>"</i>	<i>Col. John Boyd &amp; Ma-</i>
					<i>jon Ricker,</i>
					<i>Col. Th. Hartley,</i>
					<i>Cap. James Ha-</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Studen River.*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Lancaster, Pa.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditionary.*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *No.*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*W. B. Turner,* Examining Clerk.

## Declaration.

James Roach in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of Tennessee      Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
Wilson County      September Term A.D. 1832.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court the Worshipful David C. Hibbels James, Sh. Martin and Benjamin H. Billings Esqrs. Presiding Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Wilson County, now sitting at the Court house in the town of Lebanon, James Roach a resident citizen of the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7. 1832. That he emigrated from Ireland and settled himself in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania in 1774 and took the oath of allegiance in Philadelphia.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered a private soldier on      day of      1776 under Capt. Robert Boyer for two months, and was marched down to Philadelphia and attached to a Regiment of Infantry Volunteers Commanded by Colonel James Crawford and George Stuart & Major William Pullerton, marched to Albany in New Jersey, to New York and joined the main army commanded by Genl. Robert Lee, or some such name, & marched to Bargarin and there his service expired, and he was honorably discharged by Col. Crawford and Capt. Boyer.

That he afterwards enlisted in the flying Camp of State troops on      day of      1776. for four months under Capt. William Scott and Lieutenant James Armour and James Woods, was attached to the main Army Commanded by Genl. Washington at Fort Lee, on the Hudson River in N. Y. in the Regiment, commanded by Col. H. Morris & Major John Boyd, marched back to Albany and the Companies Commanded by Capt. Lee and Scott were chosen the Life Guard for Genl. Mifflin and remained at Fort Lee several weeks, and were marched to Poughkeepsie and had a slight engagement with the British on Hudson River near the City of New York, and were marched back to Fort Lee, the British lay at Stratton Island and removed back to Chubbtown and a detachment under the command of Genl. Green by surprise



from Genl Washington sent to Charleston and there drove the British  
back, and returned to the main army at Amboy. The company commanded  
by Capt. Scott was in said battle and escape - Colonel McGaw com-  
manded at that time & had the possession of Fort Washington in N.Y.  
The British lay near the fort, and Col. McGaw sent to Genl Washington  
for a reinforcement, and a considerable number of the army volunteered  
their services and marched to the Fort to relieve the fort. That he was  
one of the company, and the Saturday after they reached the fort they  
were after a short struggle, captured & taken prisoners of War, where they  
were kept imprisoned during the whole winter & Spring, that he was  
about twelve months a prisoner of War - That he was at length liberated  
upon a furlough from the ship upon being forced to take an oath, to  
not fight against the King of England untill he was regularly exchanged  
for by the United States, he does not know whether he was ever exchanged  
for, as he was taken sick shortly after reaching land, and remained  
so several months. After his restoration to health he returned to Lan-  
caster County Pennsylvania - That he again volunteered a private  
soldier for two months under Capt. William Brisby & Lieutenant Asst.  
Young John McGaw, were rendezvoused in Chester County in Pa on  
day of December 1777. and was attached to the Regiment of Pa. Infantry  
commanded by Colonel John Boyd & Major - Kicher, marched to  
White Marsh in Pa. near Phila. and were in a slight battle with the British  
in Phila. on Christmas morning, they were then stationed at Whitmarsh un-  
till his term of service expired and he was honorably discharged by Capt.  
Brisby & Col. Boyd, That in July 1778 he again volunteered a private  
soldier under Capt. James Hamilton & Lieutenant Lemmon and  
was attached to the Penn. Regiment commanded by Col. Thos. Hartley  
marched to Scrubury on the Susquehanna River from thence to Shu-  
mokin, was in no battles, after his service expired, was discharged at  
Shoemokin by Col. Hartley & Capt. Hamilton - That he lived  
in Lancaster in Pennsylvania untill he removed to the State of  
South Carolina & from thence he removed to the State of Tennessee where  
he has resided ever since: That he has lost his discharges and cannot  
recollect the precise dates he entered & left the service, but has come as near  
as he well could that he has no documentary evidence and that he  
knows of no person whom testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the prom-  
ise and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State in this  
Union to in open Court this 28 day of Sept. 1832.  
James C. Roach  
Jas. C. Roach  
Jas. C. Roach

State of Tennessee Montgomery County  
Be it Shown that before me Charles  
Bailey a Justice of the Peace for said  
County Perannally appeared Samuel  
M. Roach aged fifty seven years who  
being duly cautioned and then sworn  
in due form of Law states that he is  
the Son of James Roach who was a  
revolutionary Soldier in the State  
of - (His Residence was Tennessee) and  
that he died in the Month of January  
1834 and that his Mother Francis  
Roach died in Montgomery County  
Tennessee on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1841  
and they were married in the State  
of South Carolina previous to the year  
1790 - (which will be more definitely  
proven by reference to the Application made  
by my Mother in the year 1837 or 8 and  
now on file in the Pension Office) -  
They were residents of the State of  
Tennessee from the year 1802 untill  
1834 And that Applicant resides in the  
County of Todd and State of Kentucky  
And furthermore by these presents he  
does constitute and appoint with  
powers of Substitution Robert  
W Humphreys of Clarksville Tenn  
his true and lawful agent & attorney  
for him and in his name and stead  
to examine into - prosecute & demand  
of the U S Government his rights  
in all and in any manner of claim  
for increase or arrears of Pension  
or Land that may be due him as



Representative and heir of his Mother  
Francis Roach who died leaving the  
same undrawn as in right of Law  
he may be entitled

In witness whereof he has hereunto set  
his hand and affixed his seal on this  
Twenty fifth day of February 1853

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
to before me this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of Feb'y 1853

Samuel M. Roach

Wm. Bailey J.P.

State of Tennessee Montgomery County  
I William Rogers Clerk of the County Court  
for said County do hereby certify that  
Leander Bailey Esq. who signed the foregoing  
Certificate and administered the oath in the  
premises was at the time of so doing an  
Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said  
County duly commissioned and sworn  
and as such duly authorized to administer  
an oath in the premises & Testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed  
my seal of Office this 2<sup>d</sup> day of March 1853  
Wm Rogers Clerk



State of Tennessee }  
Robertson County } Sst.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before me ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> a Justice of the peace in and for said County Francis Roach a Resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Robertson aged Seventy one years, who being duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of James Roach who was a private in the army of the Revolutionary War of the United States in the act to the service performed by said James Roach in relation to the time of entering the service and leaving the same and the length of service she cannot state definitely but refers to the declaration of the said James Roach her husband now on file at the War office of the United States for obtaining a Pension under the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 That he at that time resided in William County State of Tennessee She further declares that she was married to the said James Roach on the twenty second day of August in the year seventeen hundred and ninety That her husband the aforesaid James Roach died on the twenty ninth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and thirty four That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and thirty four, viz, at the time above stated.

The magistrate named, traced & interlined before signed

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and  
year above written

R. B. Mitchell *Just*  
Justice of the Peace  
50 3 2 2

Francis Roach

I do hereby certify that the above named  
Francis Roach from age and bodily infirmity  
is unable to cannot attend Court for the  
purpose of making his declaration in  
Court given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day  
of March eighteen hundred and Thirty nine

R. B. Mitchell *Just*  
Justice of the Peace  
50 3 2 2

State of Tennessee

Union County; Personally appeared before  
me ~~James~~ <sup>R. B. Mitchell</sup> a Justice of the peace, Francis  
A. Jones and Saml. M. Roach

Respectable persons who being first sworn ac-  
cording to law depose and say that they were  
well acquainted with James Roach who resided  
in Union County State of Tennessee, that he was  
a prisoner under the act of Congress passed  
7th June 1832 whose declaration is on file at  
the War office of the United States, that Francis  
Roach who has made the above declaration  
was the lawful wife of the said James Roach  
that said James Roach died on the 29. day  
of January 1834 leaving the said Francis

Roach his widow who now resides in Robertson  
County State of Tennessee and is now living  
and has not been married since the death  
of the said James Roach There is a record  
of the marriage of the said James Roach &  
Frances Roach now in the possession of the  
said Frances Roach which has the appearance  
of being very ancient which is as follows  
James Roach and Francis M<sup>rs</sup> Known was married  
August the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1790

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 10. day of March  
1839

R. B. Mitchell, Clerk  
Justice of the Peace

Frances A. Jones  
Samuel M. Roach

State of Tennessee }  
Robertson County } I William Lat Clark  
of the County Court for said County do hereby  
certify that Robert B. Mitchell Esquire  
whose name is assigned and attested to  
the foregoing proceedings is a Justice of the  
Peace in and for said County and that the  
signature thereto purporting to be his are  
genuine  
In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of said Court at office  
in Springfield this 5th day of  
April 1839  
W. Lat



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*Va.*

NUMBER

*Roach, James  
Mary*

*N. 5727.*

*B.L.Wt. 26962-160-55-*

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Letter to Agent at Richmond  
and J. H. Lusk Esq, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
1842

Virginia 12.965  
James Roach

Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia  
who was a pri: in the company commanded  
by Captain Collier of the \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Virginia  
line for 6 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia  
at the rate of 20 Dollars — Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20 day of June 33  
and Wm. Tunstall  
Pittsylvania c. & Clerk)

Amount to the 1st of March 33 - 40  
Com-mant. allowance ending 1st Sept " - 10

\$50

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Mary Poach widow  
of James Poach mi

Revolutionary

1780 Prisoner

W: 160 lbs, Mar. 22, 1806

By J. H. H.

P

Thomas W. Wooding  
Pittsylvania Co. Va.

Va

Ci: T. W. Wooding, Feb. 9 / 56  
St: " " " " 29 " "

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5097  
*Virginia*  
*Mary Roach*  
 widow of *James Roach*  
 Va  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *Private*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
*20* Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
*21<sup>st</sup>* day of *Sep. 1849*  
 and sent to

*Walter Lees*  
*Robertson Store*  
*Pittsylvania Co*  
*Va*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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**BRIEF in the case of** *James Roach*  
*of Littletonia Co* **in the State of Virginia**  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *70 years,*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>March</i> In 17 <i>81</i> <i>Ansley</i>	"	3	"	<i>Private</i>	<i>Gen. Stuart</i> <i>Brig. Genl. L. Taylor</i> <i>Capt. Samsford</i>
<i>July</i> " <i>Ansley</i>	"	3	"	<i>Private</i>	<i>Capt. John Collier</i> <i>St. James</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Captain Cornwallis*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Charlotte Esq. of Virginia*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Not living witnesses & traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *Correct*

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Chas. Little* Examining Clerk.

State of Virginia County of Alleghania } 15

(On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before Stephen Coleman John L. Adams, Stokely Turner and William M. Williams the <sup>of Alleghania County</sup> Court, now sitting, James Roach a resident of Camden Parish in the County of Alleghania and State of Virginia aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, That he was born in Charlotte County V<sup>a</sup> and is now about 70 years old, that he was drafted at 16 years old and marched in March 1781 from Charlotte under Capt. Davenport and Lieut. Spencer, by Prince Edward Co. Ho. across James River at Carters Ferry (now Cartersville) to the neighbourhood of Fredericksburg V<sup>a</sup> That thence he marched to the Raccoon Ford on the Rapidan river Orange County V<sup>a</sup> Where he joined the army commanded by General Wayne and the Marquis de la Fayette; That thence he was detailed to guard a magazine in the County of Louisa, His Company proceeding to James Town V<sup>a</sup> After he served his three months he was discharged)

In July of the same year that he was drafted again in Charlotte County V<sup>a</sup> marched under John Collier Capt. Forgets his Lieut. marched through



Petersburg, remained a while near James Town Va  
where he crossed James river, marched through Williams-  
burg Va to York Town, and assisted in capturing Lord  
Cornwallis ~~from~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ and his army about which  
time, his three months service expired, and he was  
then discharged and has lost his discharges. —  
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension  
or annuity except the present, and declares that his  
name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any  
State. Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year  
aforesaid.

James <sup>his</sup> Roach  
mark

Wm William, Dove Senr John Haden Sr and John Neal  
residing in the County of Pittsylvania do hereby certify  
that we are well acquainted with James Roach, who  
has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration  
that we believe him to be 70 years of age; that he is re-  
puted and believed, in the neighborhood where he  
resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and  
that we concur in that opinion. —

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

William Dove  
John Haden  
John <sup>his</sup> Neal  
mark

And the said Court do hereby declare  
their opinion after the investigation of the matter  
and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by  
the war department, that the above named ap-  
plicant was a revolutionary soldier and served  
as he states, and the Court further certifies that it is

State of Virginia County of Pittsylvania  
on this 9 day of April — AD 1855

personally appeared before me a Justice of the  
peace within and for the County & State aforesaid  
Mary Roach The wife of James Roach Deed  
a revolutionary Soldier aged 61 <sup>years</sup> a  
resident of the said State & County <sup>affirmed</sup> who being  
only sworn according to law declares that she  
is the widow of James Roach deed who was  
a Soldier of the revolutionary war and that her  
said husband received a pension during  
his lifetime and that since the death of her  
said husband she has received a pension  
of \$20 <sup>per</sup> annum and that her name is on  
the pension roll and she further states that  
she has never applied for or received any  
land and that she is still a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of  
obtaining the bounty land to which she may  
be intitled under the act approved March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1855

Mary Roach  
mark

Witness

H. L. Pannill  
— " —

State of Virginia

On this twentieth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine personally appeared before me Walter Lewis one of the justices of the County Court of Pittsylvania State of Virginia, Mary Roach a resident of said County aged about seventy seven or eight, who being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1848

That James Roach of the County of Pittsylvania was a soldier of the Revolution and received a pension for his services. The evidence of those services upon which his pension was granted being on file in the War Department is referred to establish her claim.

She further declares That she was married to the said James Roach in the month of August in the year seven hundred and ninety two by the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Matthew Bates: That her husband the aforesaid James Roach died next May will be three years ago, that is in the month of May eighteen hundred and forty six, the day not recollected, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 2<sup>d</sup> day of January eighteen hundred viz. at the time above stated, she further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made application for a pension — Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before —

Walter Lewis

Justice of the County Court of Pitt.

Mary Roach

her Mark



June 15, 1931.

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section.  
ADY James Roach, W. 5727  
Rev. War.

Miss Odessa Barton,  
2251 Myra Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

*Over*

Dear Madam:

You are advised that it appears from the Revolutionary War records of this bureau that James Roach was born in Charlotte County, Virginia in 1763, day and month not stated.

He enlisted in Charlotte County, Virginia in March 1781 and served three months as a private in Captain Davenport's Virginia Company. He enlisted in July 1781, served three months as a private in Captain John Collier's Virginia Company and was at the capture of Cornwallis.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 17, 1833 while a resident of Camden Parish, Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

He died May 8, 1846, place not stated.

Soldier married August, 1783, day not stated, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Mary Barrett or Barret. She was allowed pension on her application executed April 20, 1846 while a resident of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, aged about seventy-seven years.

No reference is made to children.

One Gabriel Roach was a resident of Pittsylvania County, Virginia in 1855, relationship to soldier not stated.

Very truly yours,

*Sol. had a bro. John.*

*date of death not on A. B.*

E. W. MORGAN,  
Acting Commissioner.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Continental  
Va.

Roach, John  
Patty

N. 3,871

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Virginia

John Roach

of Peter William boy in the state of Virginia  
who was a private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Harrison of the Virginia  
line, for the term of three years

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia  
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1819  
and sent to Mr A. S. Dade Esq Judge  
Cumfries Virginia

Arrears to 4th of Mar: 1819, 9<sup>th</sup> mo 76. 64

Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1818 \$ 48

\$ 124.64

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Continued

Discharge sent to Jackson Johnson Esq  
6 Nov 1820 Maryland to be recd



Reported  
 Aug 30/49

3505.  
Virginia Richmond  
 Patty Roach  
 widow of John Roach  
 Va  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a Corp. of Art.

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
 10 \$ Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
 30 day of Aug/49  
 and sent to

C. H. Hinton  
 Buckland  
 Va

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
 February 2. 1848, Page 78 / Vol. 2.

Virginia  
Fauquier County } ss.

On this second day of August Eighteen hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared before me a Justice of the <sup>peace</sup> in the County aforesaid, Patty Roach a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "An act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows": That she is the widow of John Roach who enlisted under Captain John Chilton, in this County, in the beginning of the year, seventeen hundred and seventy six, and marched to the north with <sup>sd</sup> Chilton and was subsequently transferred to the Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Col. Harrison, that he was placed on the pension roll, and was receiving a pension up to the day of his death, That she has often heard him say he was a Corporal in the army and that he sold his bounty land to Edward Shacklett a Sergeant in the same Regiment that he belonged to. She further declares she was married to the said John Roach on Thursday the twenty seventh day of August seventeen hundred and eighty five by the Rev. Robert Saunders in the County aforesaid; that her husband the aforesaid John Roach died on the

day of February Eighteen hundred and twenty three; That she was not married to <sup>him</sup> prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz. at the time above stated.

sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

Patty <sup>her</sup> Roach

Dudley Telford J.P. And I certify that the above mentioned Mrs. Patty Roach, is, from age, and bodily infirmity, unable to attend court to make the foregoing declaration. Given under my hand and seal 2<sup>d</sup> day of August 1838

Dudley Telford J.P. (Seal)

Mem<sup>o</sup> The word given in the third line from the top. The word here from the fourth line from the bottom underlined before signed

Dudley Telford J.P.

Virginia

Fauquier County {<sup>1st</sup>

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid William M. Clanchan a Soldier of the Revolution, aged 76 Years and states on oath that he knows of his own knowledge that the within named John Roach, served in the Revolution, first with Capt. Chilton, in the Third Virginia Regiment, and afterwards in Col. Harrison's Regiment of Artillery; and that said Roach sold his bounty land to Edward Shacklett of this County.

he further states on oath, that his sister the within named Patty Roach, was married to said John Roach the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1785. and that he died on the day of February 1823 and that she the said Patty Roach, has remained a widow ever since that period. and I certify that the sd. William M. Clanchan is a man of fair character and a credible witness. Given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> day of August  
after sundown & hereby attested -

Dudley Tetlow

At a court held for Fauquier County the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1781.

John Roach late a Corporal in Col. Harrison's Regiment of Artillery produced a discharge from Edward Carrington Lieutenant Col. of the said Regiment and made oath that the same was authentic and true and that he had never before proved or claimed his right to lands for the services therein mentioned which was ordered to be certified.

A. Coffey

teste

A. J. Marshall C. C.

A list of marriages, Fauquier County, seventeen hundred and eighty five. John Roach & Patty M. Clanchan.

J. Coleman & H. Payne an assistant Clerk in the Office of the County Court of Fauquier County Virginia, depose and say that the above is a true extract from a record of marriages in this office with the exception of the date and that is



in fair legible figures as follows "1783"

Coleman & W. Payne.

Morn to before this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of August 1838  
W H Gaines J.P.

Virginia, Fauquier County, to wit:

I Alexander J. Marshsee Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Dudley Fitzhugh and William H. Gaines, whose names are subscribed to the preceding Certificate are now and were at the date thereof Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, duly Commissioned and qualified to act as such, and that full faith and credit are due to all their official acts as such as well in Courts of Justice as otherwise; and I do further certify that the said signatures purporting to be theirs are genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal of Office this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1838, and in the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A. J. Marshsee Ck.

Virginia, Prince William County, Virgin  
 the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1878 before me the  
 Subscribed, one of the Judges of the General  
 Court in the State aforesaid, personally appear-  
 ed John Maach, <sup>aged</sup> 58 years resident in the  
 County of Prince William in the State  
 being one of the Counties in my Judicial  
 Circuit who being by me first duly sworn  
 according to law, doth on his Oath make the  
 following declaration, in order to obtain  
 the provision made by the Act of Congress  
 entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons  
 engaged in the Land & Naval service of the  
 United States in the Revolutionary War  
 that he the said John Maach in April  
 1777 enlisted ~~in~~ <sup>as</sup> Capt under Lieut. John Green  
 in the County of Loudoun Virginia, where he  
 joined the Army was attached to Col. Marmaduke  
 Regiment of Artillery, <sup>as a General</sup> and served in the  
 Battle of Brandywine and joined the Grand Park  
 and served during his term of three years  
 and then was discharged by Col Edward  
 Carrington in 1780 in new Jersey, and  
 that he was in the General Battle of Mon-  
 mouth; and that he is in reduced circumstan-  
 ces and stands in need of his Country for support

and that he has the annexed evidence which  
is now all that he has ~~now~~ in his power  
to produce for his services ~~several~~ to before  
the delay and years above

J. W. A. Dade

J. W. A. Dade a Judge of the General  
Court in the State of Virginia do  
certify that it appears to my satisfaction  
that the s<sup>r</sup> John Roach did serve in  
the Revolutionary War as stated in the  
preceding declaration, against the Com-  
mon Enemy for the term of three years  
on the Continental establishment and I  
now transmit the foregoing and testis-  
monies <sup>taken and</sup> before me to the Secretary  
for the Department of War pursuant to  
the directions of the above mentioned  
Act of Congress

J. W. A. Dade *Ed*



Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 31<sup>st</sup> August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Fauquier Virginia made so as by act of Assembly invested with common Law and Chancery jurisdiction authorized in amount and possessed of the power of fine and imprisonment John Beach aged sixty years in June last resident in the County of Fauquier Virginia and previous to January last a resident in the County of Prince William Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he in the year 1777 enlisted for the term of three years in the County of Fauquier Virginia under Lieut John Green of the Artillery of the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Harrison and Col Bannington of Virginia that he served the term of three years that when he first joined the Regiment he was commanded by Capt Thomas Batop that he was discharged in 1780 at Morris town New Jersey by Col Edward Bannington that he was in the battle of Monmouth and various small skirmishes that his original declaration was sworn to before the Hon Comd<sup>g</sup> of Prince William one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia and of the Circuit Court his pension certificate is hereto annexed numbered 8653 that he has received his pensions up to the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1819 And I John Beach do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz 1 old maid 1 son and 7 pigs 3 sheats & 1 cow I am by occupation a farmer and live upon a lot of land containing forty five acres for which I have agreed to give the sum of three hundred and fifty Dollars. I have paid the part of this money the land is encumbered with a Debt of Trust for the payment of it. I purchased it with a hope of paying for it out of its products and such parts of my pension as I

as I should be able to read after supporting myself and family  
my family consists of a wife named Patsy aged sixty years  
in September and one son named Gerard aged five or six and  
twenty and two Daughters named Letty and Polly aged twenty  
years and nineteen years my son sometimes works with me  
but generally for himself my daughters live with me they  
are 18 by two they spin and work for themselves without  
contributing at all to my support and my wishes my wife is  
a meekly woman and from her age can only perform light  
domestic duties the furniture in my house ~~belongs~~ <sup>to my children</sup> it is  
belonging. Enjoying it at their will and pleasure I am enabled  
to work steadily and without the aid of my country from  
a hint received in my shoulder I cannot support myself  
and wife

Sworn to declared and subscribed in open Court this  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1830  
John Peack  
mark

Geo. A. Smith. D. C. J. C. C.

Fauquier County Virginia

Allen Stewart and Thomas Stewart credible  
witnesses of full age appeared in open Court and upon their  
oaths say that they are near neighbours of the above subscribed  
John Peack that the above is a correct list of his property  
that it is not worth more than forty four dollars that  
his circumstances are <sup>very</sup> indigent and that the conditions of  
himself and family and their resources are correctly  
such as he has represented  
for  
Thomas Stewart  
Allen Stewart

Sworn to in Open Court this  
31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1831.

Geo. A. Smith D. C. J. C. C.

At a Court of Quarterly sessions continued and held for Fauquier  
County the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1830 -

John Peack a Revolutionary Soldier, offered his de-  
claration & Schedule of property which being sworn to by  
the said John Peack and by Thomas Stewart and Allen  
Stewart Credible witnesses in open Court is ordered to be filed  
among the Records of the said County. The Court is of opinion  
that the property in the schedule contained is worth forty  
four dollars, and ordered to be certified.

A Copy

Teste  
Daniel Withers C. C.



October 13, 1934.

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Mr. Harry MacMellon  
533 Hamilton Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

BA-J/ady  
John Roach  
W.3871

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Roach, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.3871, based upon his military service in that war.

John Roach was born June 1760, day and place not stated and names of his parents not shown.

He enlisted in 1776 in Fauquier County, Virginia, in Captain John Chilton's Company, Third Virginia Regiment; in April 1777 he was transferred to Captain Thomas Baytop's Company, Colonel Harrison's Artillery Regiment, served as a corporal; was in the battle of Monmouth and discharged in 1780.

It is not shown that he ever rendered service in the War of 1812.

He was allowed pension, on account of his services in the Revolutionary War, on his application executed May 18, 1818 while a resident of Prince William County, Virginia.

He died February, 1823, day and place not stated.

Soldier married August 27, 1785 in Fauquier County, Virginia, Patty McClanahan, who was born in September 1760. She was allowed pension, on account of services in the Revolutionary War of her husband, John Roach, on her application executed August 2, 1838, while a resident of Fauquier County, Virginia.

In 1820 their son Gerrard was aged twenty-five or



twenty-six years and their daughters Letty and Polly  
were aged twenty and nineteen years.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Roach, John GRADE Private LINE Maryland

WARRANT NUMBER 11644 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED December 23, 1795  
To Geo. Ponsonby, assignee

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

SERVICE

Mass.

NUMBER

Roach, John  
Abigail

V. 22096.

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Maine

John Rouch 4<sup>th</sup>  
of Wilton in the <sup>List</sup> of Maine  
who was a private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Jackson of the 11<sup>th</sup> Mass  
line, for the term of one year

Inscribed on the Roll of the List of Maine  
at the rate of 82 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1819  
and sent to A. H. Parris, Esq.  
Paris, Maine.

Arrears to 4th of Mar 1819. 16/30/85.29  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1819 - 118.00

7/1/20  
\$133.29

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Continued

Act<sup>d</sup> for sale to  
Rev. Mr. Augustus  
Dr. 15 July 1820

C. B. L. Agt

Died  
Feb 22

1855

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McNair  
Abigail Roach  
widow of John Roach  
Mass  
who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a

private  
Medal from \$43.33

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
96 Dollars 110

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

1st of July  
Certificate of Pension issued the  
7th day of Feb, 1851  
and sent to

J. G. Perret  
Present

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
February 2, 1848; Page 32, Vol. 1.

3379  
*Name*  
*Abigail Roach*  
 widow of *John*  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *Private*.

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
*43* Dollars *33*.

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
*26* day of *July* 18*49*  
 and sent to

*Baron Randall*  
*Wilton*  
*Me*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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*Reprinted*  
*July 26/49*



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State of Maine.

Copy  
KENNEBEC COUNTY, ss.

ON this *twenty fourth* day of *June*, 1820,  
personally appeared ~~before~~ *in open Court before*  
the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Counties of Lincoln, Kennebec and Somerset,  
being a Court of Record for said Counties, proceeding according to the course of the common  
law, having original jurisdiction, unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and  
having the power of fine and imprisonment, *John Roach* aged  
*fifty seven* years, resident in *Willton* in the County of *Kennebec*  
within said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he  
served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz. in the Company commanded by Captain  
*Wade* and Regiment commanded by Colonel *Michael Jackson*  
of the line of the State of *Massachusetts* upon the Continental Establishment, for  
the period of *nearly two years*

that his original declaration was made before Judge *Davis* on the  
*fifteenth* day of *April* 1818; that he is now on the Maine  
Roll, and that his pension certificate is numbered *7427*. And I, the said *John*  
*Roach* do further solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States,  
on the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not,  
since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner whatever, disposed of my property, or any part  
thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of  
Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service  
of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the eighteenth day of March, one  
thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any  
property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is  
contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

*John Roach*

The following is a Schedule of my whole Estate and income, necessary clothing and bedding  
excepted, viz:

*one horse of the value of thirty dollars*  
*one cow of the value of fifteen dollars*  
*one yoke of oxen of the value of forty five dollars*  
*two swine of the value of six dollars.*  
*the house hold furniture of the value of fifteen dollars*  
*farming tools of the value of twelve dollars*  
*I have no debts due to me that can be calculated, and I owe*  
*as much as three hundred dollars.*

The income of the above property does not exceed the interest  
of the money I owe.

My occupation is that of a farmer but from infirmity,  
having an internal bleeding am unable to labor.

My family at home consists of myself, my wife Abigail  
aged fifty three years quite infirm, my daughter Rebecca  
aged eighteen years, my daughter Cynthia aged fifteen years  
a quite weakly person, my daughter Eunice aged ten years,  
my son William aged eight years. Except the foregoing  
and my necessary living and clothing I have no estate  
or income whatever.

*John Roach*

John Roach and Abigail Roach their offspring

Lovel Roach was born June 11<sup>th</sup> 1785

Pyper Roach was born Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1786

Abigail Roach was born August the 10<sup>th</sup> 1788

Leisa Roach was born October the 15<sup>th</sup> 1789 } Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1821  
Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 1821

Melle Roach was born February the 4<sup>th</sup> 1793

Edy Roach was born July the 11<sup>th</sup> 1793

Elman Roach was born July the 10<sup>th</sup> 1797

John Roach was born March the 8<sup>th</sup> 1799 } the 15<sup>th</sup> 1805  
the 15<sup>th</sup> 1805  
the 15<sup>th</sup> 1805

Sibekah Roach was born June the 29<sup>th</sup> 1801

James Roach was born May 26<sup>th</sup> 1803 } was taken sick Sat the  
15<sup>th</sup> of the month of May  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of May

Synthy Roach was born April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1805

Ernice Roach was born January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1807

John Roach the 4<sup>th</sup> was born February the 24<sup>th</sup> 1809 } appeared the  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1809

Richy Roach was born Sept. the 16<sup>th</sup> 1810 } Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1821  
20<sup>th</sup> 1821

William Roach was born March 10<sup>th</sup> 1812

Annexed by  
C. S. Sidenow

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Lovel	41	June 6
Pogo	40	Sept 2
Walt	39	August 10
Loaf	36	Nov 14, 16
Hatta	39	Feb 4th
Co. D	30	July 16
Sol	29	July 10th
Polin	29	March 9th
Ritter	25	June 29th
Panes	29	May 26th
Hatta	21	April 12th
Carrie	19	January 6th
Polin	19	Feb 26th
Rachae	16	Sept, 16th
William	14	March 10th

1823  
1812



I Cynthia Ridgway of Farmington in the County of Franklin, wife of Daniel Ridgway, On Oath depose and say, that I am the daughter of John Roach and Abigail Roach and was born as I have always understood from my parents on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1805.

That my father John Roach, died August 26, 1828 and my mother Abigail Roach is now living.

That the Paper hereto annexed, was kept by father during his life time as the family record of the ages of his children, and is in his hand writing as I have no doubt. This family record was given to me by my mother about two years since. I distinctly recollect having seen the paper in my father's possession, & that it was always considered as the family record. I further state, that several years before my father's death I was at home, and some conversation took place about the ages of the family and my father produced the record annexed, and put down on the back of it what the ages of the children were at that time, and that I saw him do it.

I further state that my sister Lucie or Lucet now Mrs Norton, was always reputed to be the eldest of the children of my said Father & mother, and that she is now reputed to be in her fifty fourth year. That I have seen Mrs Norton within the last two weeks.

I also state that my father was for many years previous to his death a Revolutionary Pensioner.

Cynthia N. Ridgway

State of Maine

Franklin Co February 13, 1839. Then personally appeared Cynthia N. Ridgway and made solemn Oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by her subscribed in my presence. I further certify that I am personally acquainted with the said deponent that she is a person of undoubted veracity that the paper hereto annexed is the one produced

## DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, of the 7th July, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

### STATE OF MAINE.

*Franklin*, County, ss.

On this *Seventh* day of *May* A. D., 183*9*,  
personally appeared before the Court of Probate for said County,  
in open Court, *Abigail Roach*

a resident of *Wilton* in the County of *Franklin* and  
State of Maine, aged *seventy two* years, who, being first duly sworn  
according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain  
the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th, 1838, enti-  
tled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the  
widow of *John Roach late of Wilton aforesaid, deceased,*  
*who was a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States*  
*under the Act of Congress of March 15. 1818. She refers*  
*to the evidence furnished the War Department by*  
*her late husband of his Revolutionary services, in*  
*order to establish his claim to a pension under said*  
*Act,*

She further declares, that she was married to the said *John Roach*  
on the *Twenty Seventh* day of *February* in the year seventeen  
hundred and *eighty four*; that her husband, the aforesaid  
*John Roach* died on the *Twenty Second* day  
of *August 1828, at Wilton aforesaid*; that  
she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place  
previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz. at the time  
above stated; that she has remained a widow ever since ~~that period~~ <sup>the death of her said husband</sup>, as will more fully  
appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. *That her maiden name was Abigail*  
*Jones, she was married at Hallowell, N.E. She*

*Abigail + Roach*  
*Maid*

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before

*Thomas Parker Judge of Probate*

I, John Roach, a resident citizen of the United States of America, now in the town of Milton in the county of Kennebec and State of Massachusetts, do testify and say, that in the month of September A.D. 1781 I enlisted into the army of the United States of America on the continental establishment for the term of three years as a private soldier in Capt. Abner Waid's company, Col. Michael Jackson's regiment, and Gen. Patterson's brigade in the Massachusetts line, in which service I continued until the last of October A.D. 1782, when, having procured another man to take my place, I received an honourable discharge since accidentally lost. I further testify that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my country for support and that I am not borne on any pension list of the United States.

John Roach

I, John Fletcher of Sumner in the county of Oxford and State of Massachusetts, do testify and say, that I served in the war of the Revolution in Capt. Abner Waid's company a part of the same period mentioned by the above named John Roach and I have no doubt that the said Roach served in said company as he has above stated.

John Fletcher



To any Honorable United States District Judge  
or to any Judge of any Court of Record in the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts or within  
the County of Hampshire

We the Subscribers do hereby Certify that  
John Beach of Wilton in the County of  
Hampshire is to us well known - and that  
he is in Indigent circumstances in his  
Primary affairs - and that he stands in  
need of Assistance from his Country  
for his Support -

Given under our hands at Wilton April 7 1818

Elisha Clark Selectman  
Benjamin Gault of said  
Timothy Woodward Wilton

S. Strickland Town Clerk

Captn Woodman

Charles Morse

John Hiscoc

John Tapp

Thomas Bates

Samuel Wright

John Barker

John Barker

Eli Luman

John Tapp

John Tapp

John Tapp

Citizens  
of  
the  
Town  
of  
Wilton

October 4, 1934

XXXXXXXXXXXX

MA-J/HEL  
John Reach-W.22096

Mrs. Jean B. Kerr  
4601 West 184<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of two of your ancestors, John Reach, who served in Captain Abner Wade's Company, 8<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment and Christian Singer, of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no record found of a claim for pension or bounty land having been made to the United States based upon the military service in that war of Christian Singer. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office.

It is suggested that as a possible means of obtaining information in regard to the military service of that soldier, you apply to The Adjutant General, War Department, this city, who is custodian of military records.

The record of John Reach has been found and is furnished herein, the data for which are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.22096, based upon the military service in that war of John Reach.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of John Reach are not shown.

John Reach enlisted, place not shown, in September, 1781, served as a private in Captain Abner Wade's Company, Colonel Michael Jackson's 8<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged the last of October, 1782.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 15, 1818, at which time he was aged fifty-five years and resided in Wilton, Kennebec County, Massachusetts(Maine).

He died August 21 or 22, 1828, at Wilton, Maine.

John Roach married February 27, 1784, at Hillsborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, Abigail Jones. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Abigail, was allowed pension on her application executed May 7, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-two years and resided at Wilton, Maine.

She died February 22, 1866, place not shown.

The names of children of John and Abigail Roach are shown, as follows:

Lovel Roach (a daughter) . . . . .	born June	6, 1785, married—Horton.
Page Roach. . . . .	" September	2, 1786.
Abigail Roach. . . . .	" August	10, 1788.
Leafa Roach . . . . .	" November	13, 1790, died September 19, 1821.
Kitty Roach . . . . .	" February	4, 1793.
Edy Roach . . . . .	" July	16, 1795.
Selma Roach. . . . .	" "	10, 1797.
John Roach, 3rd . . . . .	" March	8, 1799, died March 10, 1806.
Rebekah Roach. . . . .	" June	29, 1801.
James Roach. . . . .	" May	26, 1803, died February 18, 1806.
Synthy Roach . . . . .	" April	18, 1806, married James Ridgway.
Eunice Roach . . . . .	" January	6, 1807.
John Roach, 4th . . . . .	" February	24, 1809, died May 14, 1809.
Rockey Roach. . . . .	" September	16, 1810, " March 20, 1811.
William Roach . . . . .	" March	10, 1812.

Very truly yours

A. D. MILLER  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator.



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Roach, John  
Elizabeth

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*Illinois*

*Elizabeth Roach,*  
widow of *John Roach,*  
who was a private,  
in the *Virginia line*

**Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of**  
**35 Dollars**

**Cents per annum, to commence on**  
**the 4th day of March, 1843.**

**Certificate of Pension issued the**  
**22 day of Dec. 1/5**  
**and sent to**

*J. Dougherty*  
*Jonesboro*  
*Ill*

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

Recorded in Book *17 June 44*

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*See letter to J. Dougherty, Oct. 18. 1844*

+ Illinois 19.515  
+ West Tennessee

John Roach

of Montgomery in the State of Tennessee  
who was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Tally of the reg<sup>t</sup> commanded  
by Col. Wells in the Reg<sup>t</sup> and  
time for 10 1/2 months for

Enrolled on the Roll of West Tennessee  
at the rate of 35<sup>th</sup> Dollars — Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Septem-  
ber 1833 — and sent to Wm.  
C. Johnson, Clarksville

Amount to the 4th of Sep 1833 \$87.50  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 34 17.50

\$105.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *Wm. Allison* Clerk,  
Book 6 Vol. 4 Page 94.

See cir. Treas. apt. 14<sup>th</sup> 1835

See Let. to Treas. apt. 14<sup>th</sup> 1835.

To Illinois from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 34.  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 1835



State of Illinois  
Franklin county

On this 24 day of March 1835  
before me the subscriber, a Justice  
of the Peace for the county of Franklin and State of  
Illinois personally appeared John Roach  
who on his oath, declares that he is the same person  
who formerly belonged to the company commanded  
by Captain Wells, 1st Regt. Ill. - Wells, in the Regiment com-  
manded by Colonel Wells, 1st Regt. Ill. - Gen. Lawton  
in the service of the United States; that his name  
was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Ten-  
nessee, from whence he has lately removed; that  
he now resides in the State of Illinois, where he  
intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there  
payable, in future. The following are his reasons for  
removing from the State of Tennessee to the State of  
Illinois, because his children had all moved  
to the State of Illinois, and he is old & unable  
to support himself, and wishes to be near his  
children, and has moved to this State for  
that purpose, and therefore wishes his pension  
to be made payable here.

Subscribed & sworn to  
before me this 24th day  
of March A.D. 1835.

John Roach

J. T. Gaudin, J. P. Seal

State of Illinois  
Franklin county

I Simon M. Hubbard, Clerk of the county  
commissioners court for the county and State  
aforesaid do certify that James I. Bully before whom  
the foregoing affidavit was sworn is and was at the  
time of attesting the same, duly commissioned and qualified  
and acting Justice of the Peace, and that full faith and credit  
are due to all his official acts as such, and that his  
signature thereto is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my private seal. (there being  
no public seal) at Frankfort this 30th day  
of March A.D. 1835

S. M. Hubbard Clerk



Know all men by these presents that we John Roach and Abel Mann of the County of Loudon and State of Virginia have unto Benja<sup>son</sup> Harrison of Virginia in the sum of fifty pounds current money to be paid to the said Benja<sup>son</sup> Harrison and his assigns in office for the use of the Common wealth the whole payment full and truly to be made in hand ourselves and heirs and assigns jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seal and dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> Seventeenth and eighty four.

Whereas a marriage is shortly intended between the above named John Roach & Retary Rice. And the condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the said obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force

Sealed & delivered in  
presence of  
W<sup>m</sup> J. Seachey

John Roach  
mark  
Abel Mann  
mark

Virginia Loudon County to wit  
I Elisha G. Leigh Clerk of the County Court in and for this County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Marriage Bonds of John Roach from the original filed in my office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of our said Court of at the Court House this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1845

E. G. Leigh Clerk



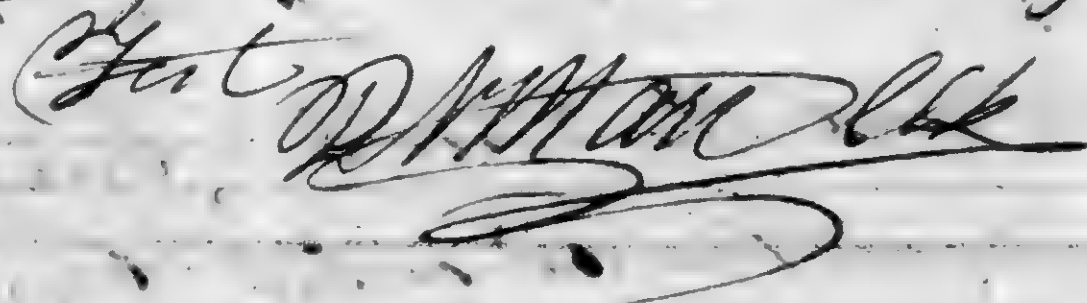
State of Tennessee  
Montgomery County

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year aforesaid Lord  
one Thomas eight hundred & thirty two, John Roach  
a resident of the County of Montgomery aged seventy two  
years, who being duly sworn according to law do the upon  
his oath declare the following declaration for  
the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of  
Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 - and  
John Roach declares that he was born in Amelia County  
in the State of Virginia, and that entered the service  
of the United States as a regular soldier as a substitute  
for Frederick Lord in a company commanded by  
Capt. Agley Wood Jones his Lieutenant, in the second  
Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Spotswood  
that he first joined the service at Williamsburgh -  
that they remained there near six months & then  
marched to Fredericksburgh & remained there some  
short time & then marched to German town  
in the State of Pennsylvania & he was in the battle  
of German town & that he was then in the Regiment  
of Col. Spotsford under Gen. L. Mead. After then  
marched twenty or thirty miles from German town  
& remained there until Frederick Lord returned to  
the Army & employed another substitute for the  
last year of his enlistment - & having served  
and the year for which he had been employed -  
I then returned home to Virginia & was enrolled  
in the militia. I served four tours of duty as  
a militiaman draughted - that his first tour of  
duty was to Norfolk in Capt. J. Talley's company  
in the Regiment commanded by Col. Mills and in  
the Brigade commanded by Gen. S. L. Garrison



he thinks the time to Norfolk was three months - it  
was in the fall season of the year but cannot recollect  
the year & returned home & was discharged - and  
in the next spring he was again ordered into service  
in a company commanded by Capt Wells, in  
the Regiment commanded by Col. Richardson -  
& again under the command of Gen. Lawson -  
we were first sent to Richmond & about two  
hundred of the militia including myself were  
ordered to Fredericksburgh for gun & ammunition  
- on our return were stopped at Manns ferry  
on James River about thirty miles below Rich-  
mond when we remained until my time of  
service expired which I believe was for three  
months - I was again called into service for  
a short time, I think six weeks & then marched  
into North Carolina in a company commanded  
by Capt. Edward Ward & joined the main army  
under the command of Gen. Gates at a place  
called New Garden & marched with them  
a short distance & had a battle with the  
British, when we were defeated & which was  
generally known by the name of Gates  
defeat - he does not recollect the place  
where the battle was fought - we were then  
discharged - and term of service having  
expired - he was severely wounded on the head  
by a cut with the sword in the battle -  
he then continued at home until some  
short time before Cornwallis was taken  
when it again came to his turn in the

when he marched under the command of Capt.  
Caulby & Lieut. Holmes, in the Regiment  
commanded by Col. Richardson & the Genl  
Lawson's Brigade. I marched to York and  
joined the army ~~those~~ days before the capture  
of Cornwallis, having been stationed some  
time at Williamsburg - after the battle  
I was discharged I think some ten or fifteen  
days before my term of service expired -  
the last letter was for three months - he  
received discharges but the same has been lost  
or destroyed - that he knows of but one witness  
living by whom he could prove his service -  
~~that~~ a man by the name of ~~Richard Williams~~  
who has removed somewhere in the west  
he has under bond to Illness but when he  
does not know - that he hereby takes  
- quishes every claim to any other pension  
or annuity from the Genl Government  
and that he is not on the pension roll  
of the Agency in any State -  
I went to subscribe the day before  
in open Court. John Roach.

Test 

**BRIEF in the case of** *John Brack*  
*County of Montgomery* **in the State of Tennessee**  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge?
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *72 years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
In 17	1	6		Private	Capt Oglesby Col. H. Howard
		3		"	Capt. Tilly Col. Wells
		3		"	Capt. Wells Col. Richardson
		1	12	"	Capt. Wells Col. G. J. Jones
		3		"	Capt. Bailey Col. Richardson

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Frenchman's Creek*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Amelia Co. Virginia*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?  
*The papers are not authenticated as yet?*

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Nicholas D. Butler*  
**Examining Clerk.**



Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the  
act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting  
"half pay and pensions to certain widows"

State of Illinois

County of Williamson

On this the seventh day of  
September in the year of our

Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four  
personally before John D. Calvert one of the Judges of the County  
Court in and for said County of Williamson  
and State of Illinois appeared Elizabeth Roach (who  
by reason of a decreed age and bodily infirmity is un-  
able to appear before said Court of County Court) a  
resident of Williamson County and State of Illinois aged  
eighty three years and six months who being first duly  
sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following  
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions  
of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act  
granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, That she  
is the widow of John Roach who was a private in the  
army of the revolution as well more fully and at large  
appears by reference to the papers submitted by her for a  
pension under the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832  
and this Certificate of pension herewith submitted. She  
further declares that she was married to the said John  
Roach on the 10th day of October in the year of our  
Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty four in  
Amelia County in the State of Virginia That her  
said husband the said John Roach died on the  
Twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one

Thousand eight hundred and thirty nine in William  
-san County and State of Illinois. That she was not  
married to him prior to his leaving the service but  
the marriage took place previous to the first day of  
January A.D. Thousand seven hundred and ninety four  
and that she has remained a widow since the death  
of her said husband and is now a widow That she has  
no documentary evidence  
sworn to and subscribed  
before the undersigned  
on the day and year  
above written

Elizabeth Raach  
mark

John N. Calvert  
Judge of said County

State of Illinois

Williamson County. Be it known that on this the  
tenth day of September A.D. 1834,  
personally came before the clerk of the County  
Clerk of said County the undersigned A. F. Foster  
Wiley Mann a creditable witness who being first  
duly sworn according to law depose and say  
that he is forty two years of age. That he now  
is & from his infancy & earliest recollection  
has been acquainted with Elizabeth Raach  
who signed & made the foregoing declaration  
and that her deceased husband John Raach  
alias Raach That she is now and has always  
with him (his recollection) been reputed to be his  
wife and that she has remained a widow  
ever since his death which happened on the  
20th day of September 1839 to the best of his  
recollection and further he swears  
to before me this 10th Sept 1834  
A. F. Foster Clerk of said County

Wiley Mann  
mark

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Va.

Roach, Jonathan  
Ruth

N. 3870

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Virginia

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Donatian Beach

of ... in the State of Va.

who was a ... in the ... commanded  
by Captain ... of the Regt ... commanded  
by Col. Taylor in the ...  
was for 2 years -

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia  
at the rate of 50 - Dollars - Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April  
1834 and ...  
Enter on ...

Bears to the 1st of March 1833 160  
Semi-ant. allowance ending ... 40  
\$ 200

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Nathan Rice Clerk,  
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Let. Agent. payt us and Oct. 21 40  
" H. Hatcher's

Paid at the Treasury under  
the Act of the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1838  
from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 14 June  
1840. Agt notified 24 March  
1841.

793.  
*Virginia Richmond*  
*Ruth Roach*  
 widow of *Jonathan Roach*  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *private*

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
*80* Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
*18.* day of *July* 1848  
 and sent to

*John S. Fisher*  
*Lewisburg pa*

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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*Reported*

**BRIEF in the case of Jonathan Roach,**  
**of Monro County, in the State of Virginia,**  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court,*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *71 Years.*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>Enlisted July In 1779</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Col Taylor Major Roberts</i> <i>Capt Addison</i> <i>Dr John Gordon</i>
<i>1781</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Substitute for Taylor</i>	<i>Col Samuel Lewis</i> <i>Major Long</i> <i>Capt Smith</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *None*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Orange County*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Living witnesses in part and Traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *Correct*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*C. Little* Examining Clerk.



Jonathan Prach — (Signed by him Capt. Madison Co. 1st Regt)  
The undersigned Prach in pursuance of the order  
from the court of law. Make the following declaration  
that I am, I am as a Soldier in the United States,  
I was 73 yrs old the 29<sup>th</sup> July last I am a native of Buckingham  
County Va and lived in that County during the ~~United States~~ Revolution.  
Lived in ~~Union~~ County 44 years ago — I think it was in the  
year 1778. I was Enlisted in Buckingham County 6<sup>th</sup> Regt  
Foot. I went to the ~~army~~ barracks and was then attached  
to Captain Madison's company. Col. Taylor Capt. Garrison  
in service at the barracks upland of the year. I was with  
the company to Winchester was in service there upland of 1780  
was discharged at Winchester by Col. Taylor, ~~and then~~  
~~discharged~~ <sup>I sold</sup> discharged to Nathaniel Smith the 1<sup>st</sup> of the  
year said. I found my son as by Christian Peter. I met  
Madison & Matthew Madison. Henry Alexander wrote my  
Declaration. I refused to remain in service which the proposition  
that I remain in alternate County after being discharged  
as before stated. I substituted in place of James Craig, Jr.  
ten months and served for that time at York town. was with  
Surrender of Cornwallis. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1781.

Witness

W. Kelly

Jonathan Prach

Abram W. Jones Clerk

# Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," also of an act of Congress approved March 3, 1843, entitled "An act granting a pension to certain widows of Revolutionary soldiers," also of an act of Congress approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to continue the pensions of certain widows"

State of Virginia

House County

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On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March aforesaid, appeared and duly sworn, personally, before me, Jacob Johnson, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ruth Roach, a resident of said County and State, aged eighty six years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" also of an act of Congress approved March 3, 1843, entitled "An act granting a pension to certain widows of Revolutionary soldiers" also of an act of Congress approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to continue the pensions of certain widows" that she is the widow of Jonathan Roach, who was

Wm. J. W.

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a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and drew a pension for a number of years; for evidence of his deceased husband's service she refers to the papers now on file in the War Dept. at Trenton.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Roach, on the day of October, in the year seven hundred and eighty two; that her husband, the aforesaid Jonathan Roach, died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, eighteen hundred and forty; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and nine (1799), to wit: at the time above stated.

Ruth <sup>of her</sup> Roach  
mark

signed to and subscribed on

the day and year above

written, before me Jacob Johnson

State of Virginia      Affidavit of Ruth Roach

Monroe County, JSS

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1847, personally appeared before me, Jacob Johnson, a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ruth Roach, who, being first duly sworn according to law, deposed as follows, to wit: That the family Record, accompanying



Rebecca Roach was born in the year of our Lord  
1792 the 13 day of January

Rachada Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1794 the 16 of July

Rachal Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1796 the 12 of July

Lethe Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1798 the 19 of December

Caty Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1800 the 12 of September

Mary Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1802 the 25 of August

Santy Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1804 the 28 of October

Isaac Roach was born in the year of  
our Lord 1808 the 21 of February

Rebecca

# Jonathan Church

any more. Dates of  
dedication was given in  
the year of our Lord 1781  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August  
the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of September of  
Jonathan Church was born in  
the year of our Lord 1783 the  
28<sup>th</sup> Day of December John  
Church son of Jonathan Church  
was born in the year of our  
Lord 1786 the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March  
John Church was born in  
the year of our Lord 1789

Affidavit of Benjamin Halsted  
State of Virginia }  
Monroe County } 55

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1848,  
personally appeared before me William  
Vass, a justice of the peace in and for the  
County and State aforesaid, Benjamin  
Halsted, aged sixty six years, who being  
first duly sworn according to law,  
deposed as follows, to wit; that he is  
sixty six years old, and was well acquaint-  
-ed with Jonathan Roach and Ruth Roach,  
his widow, who is now applying for a  
pension, at a very early period of his  
life, and knows that the said Jonathan  
Roach and Ruth Roach lived together  
as husband and wife, previous to death  
lived and ninety four; that he has  
always understood, that Elijah Roach was  
the oldest child of the said Jonathan Roach  
and Ruth his widow, and knows that  
the said Elijah Roach was about three or  
four years younger than himself; that the  
affiant knows this fact by being a school-  
mate of the said Elijah Roach; that the  
said Jonathan Roach was a worthy and respected  
man, and he has no doubt that he was



lawfully married.

Sworn to and subscribed

on the year and day Benjamin Holsted  
above written

I William Vass a Justice of the Peace in and  
for the county & State aforesaid do certify that  
Benjamin Holsted personally appeared before me  
swore to and subscribed the foregoing affidavit  
that he is a man of veracity in my opinion & entitled  
to full credit & that I believe him to be the age stated  
in his affidavit - I do further certify that I was well  
acquainted with Jonathan Roach and partially acquainted  
with his wife and am also acquainted with one of  
their sons Folwell John Roach and think he is about  
sixty years old - I have lived in the county of Monroe  
upwards of forty years - Given under my hand  
August 18. 1844

William Vass J.P.

State of Virginia } ss  
Monroe County }

Affidavit, of Nathan Matley made  
before me, Jacob Peterson, a Justice of the Peace  
in and for the County and State aforesaid,

The affiant having been first duly sworn  
according to law disposed as follows, to wit,  
That he is 83 years old, and was acquainted

Virginia Monroe County S.S.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of said County of Monroe and State aforesaid Jonathan Proach a resident of said County aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the County of Orange Virginia in February 1779 under Lieutenant John Goodall for and during the time that the time that the prisoners of War who were taken at the Battle of being Burgains Brooks would be kept under guard and expressly for that service as one of that guard he served for and during the term of two years three ~~years~~ months and twenty four days he was commanded by Capt Madison Maj John Roberts and Colonel Taylor. He went to Charlottesville where the prisoners were under guard and remained there nearly two years from Charlottesville he was one of the guard who went with the prisoners to Winchester where he was discharged by Colonel Taylor in May 1781 That he gave his discharge to Nathaniel Mills to whom he sold his right to his claim to land and supposes it is filed in the War Office and in the same year 1781 he substituted in the place of James Braige who was drafted from the County of Rockingham for a Term of two months under Capt Smith of the militia commanded by Maj Long and Colo. Samuel Lewis and was marched from Rockingham County through Charlottesville Richmond Williamsburgh to York and was discharged eight miles from York and eight days before Cornwallis was taken was in no Battle during this time. That he was born in the County of Rockingham N.C. & remained in said County about 24 years when he moved to where he now lives. and has been forty seven



years a resident in the said County of Monroe. He hereby relin-  
quishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present  
and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of  
any agency of any State

Jonathan Roach *Seal*

Sworn to and Subscribed  
the day and year aforesaid

We Christian Peters, Jacob Meadows & Matthias Meadows do hereby  
certify and declare that we saw Jonathan Roach (who signs the  
above Declaration) in the Revolutionary War that we saw  
him guarding the prisoners at Charlottesville and also Jacob  
Meadows saw him at York Town where Cornwallis was taken  
and that we know that he served but do not know how  
long. Given under our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1832

Christian Peters *Seal*

Sworn to and Subscribed

Jacob <sup>his</sup> Meadows *Seal*  
mark

this day & year above written

Matthias <sup>his</sup> Meadows *Seal*  
mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
that the above named applicant was a revolutionary  
soldier served as he states. And the Court further  
certifies that it appears to them that Christian Peters  
Jacob Meadows and Matthias Meadows who have  
signed the foregoing affidavit are credible, and that  
their statement is entitled to credit

I John Hutchison Jr. Clerk of the Court of Monroe County do  
hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings  
of the said Court in the matter of the application of Jonathan  
Roach for a pension

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and Seal of Office on this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1832 & in the 5<sup>th</sup>  
year of the Commonwealth

John Hutchison Jr. *Seal*



Mass.

Roach, Rachel  
Lakeman, Thomas

(Former widow.)

W. 22109.

B.L. Mt. 2100-10

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Roach, Richard GRADE Private LINE Virginia

WARRANT NUMBER 12490 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED May 12, 1792  
To James Morrison, Adm<sup>r</sup>.

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

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Roach, Thomas

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Connecticut

Thomas Roach  
of Groton in the State of Conn  
who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Shumway of the Regt commanded  
by Col Wilson in the Connecticut  
State Troops for 6 mo

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of 20 Dollars — Conts per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 24 day of Dec'r  
1832 and sent to Noyes  
Barber House of Reps

Amount to 1st of Sep. 1822 \$ 30  
Semi-annual allowance ending 1st Jan 1833 — 10

\$ 40

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
{ Act June 7, 1832.

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Act March 8/55

March 31/55

Thomas Road private

Pensacola

Rev. War.

26/12/56

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B. J. W.

W.

C. Aug 1/53

S. W. Wood.

Ledyard

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State of Connecticut }  
New London County } Probate District of Stonington  
On this Thirtieth day of July A.D. 1832. Personally appeared in  
open Court before Asa Fish Esquire, Judge of the Court  
of Probate for the District of Stonington now sitting in Ston-  
ington in said District, Thomas Roach, an resi-  
dent of the Town of Groton in said New London County and  
State of Connecticut aged sixty eight years - nearly  
- and being first duly sworn, according to law doth  
on his oath, make the following Declaration in order  
to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the  
7th of June A.D. 1832, that he entered the service  
of the United States under the following name & of-  
ficers and served as herein stated. That in the month  
of June A.D. 1780, & as he believes in the first week of  
said month, at Groton aforesaid, where he was then  
resident, in the 17th year of his age, being then an  
indentured apprentice at the Farming Business, to  
Mr. Vene Stoddard then & now of Groton & now  
living - he belonged to the Company of Militia in  
said Groton, Captain Simon Allyn - & was drafted  
for a six months tour of military duty - that on  
being drafted he immediately enlisted for six  
months, there being a Bounty of Forty Dollars offered  
to each man enlisting, that he was advised by his  
master the Vene Stoddard & by his Father so to en-  
list, to save the 3 County - that he in the 3 County  
& marched early in the said month of June from said  
Groton, to Preston, with a part of a company under  
the command of a Lieutenant whose name he believes  
to be Smith & belonging to the Connecticut State  
Troops, being the service in which he enlisted -  
from Preston, was marched to Norwich & thence to  
Hartford Connecticut, thence to Danbury in said  
Connecticut - thence to the East Bank of the



Hudson or North River opposite West Point &  
 there was attached to Capt John Thompson's  
 Company. he believes the name of his colonel was  
 Wilson but is not positive, that his said Company belonged  
 to the Brigade commanded by General Huntington that  
 he was in the army & in the said Company in their march  
 to Peekskill & in Crossing Kings Ferry. he was detached  
 and served as a Boatman, in ferrying over the army  
 and the Baggage, that he marched as far as to a  
 place called Tappan. where the army encamped  
 that the army marched & countermarched. to New-  
 bury & returned to Tappan. near which on a hill Maj  
 Andre was hanged. while our forces were there  
 he was an eye Witness of his Execution. that he contin-  
 ued with the army performing his duty as a private  
 when they recrossed the Hudson at a place called  
 & returned to the Highlands & encamped. that he was  
 then and there detached with six or eight men more  
 to serve as a Ferryman & served in the Ferry boat  
 between the Encampment & West Point - that Gen  
 Washington was present during the campaign & he  
 frequently saw him, that Simeon Avery was adjutant  
 of the Regiment. that Baron Steuben was there & frequent-  
 ly in company with Gen Washington that he continued  
 in his duty as ferryman detached till his term of  
 six months, and term of enlistment fully expired  
 & then received from the commanding officer of the Regt  
 an honorable discharge in writing. certifying that he  
 he had served the full term of enlistment - which  
 discharge he took home with him to said Boston But  
 said discharge is lost - & he has now no documen-  
 tary evidence of his services - that on his return he  
 recommenced his service of apprenticeship with Mr  
 Stoddard aforesaid & completed his term with him  
 which lasted till he was twenty one years old -

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that the army to which he belonged, had no engagement or Battle with the enemy. during the term of his said service, that he was born in Boston the 12 day of November 1764. that there is no records of his age, to his knowledge except in the Family Bible in his possession, in which it is recorded as aforesaid; that he has ever lived in Boston aforesaid except one year; about twenty two years ago, when he resided with his family in Montville in New London County & that he now lives in said Boston. That he is known to Nicholas Morgan & Benjamin Daboll now living & residents in said Boston, who were in the Revolutionary army & served therein as privates, the same period & on the same terms as he the deponent served & that his answers to the questions or interrogatories presented by the War Department of the United States are embodied in his the foregoing declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid,  
Thomas Roach

Sworn to and subscribed, before me the  
day and year aforesaid

Asa Fish Judge of the  
Court of Probate for the  
District of Newington

I Nicholas Morgan of Boston in the County of New London, State of Connecticut aged twenty years, being duly sworn according to law, do on my oath certify that I am well acquainted with Mr Thomas Roach of Boston who in my presence swore to & subscribed the foregoing declaration for a pension that I know him to be the identical Thomas Roach who performed the six months service therein stated that I served in the same Brigade with Thomas, in the same campaign and at



a B Vine Stoddard of the Town of Groton County  
of New London and State of Connecticut Aged 83,  
being duly sworn according to law do on my oath  
Depose and Say that I have always been well acquainted  
with Thomas Beach of said Town of Groton from his  
childhood and that he was bound to me as an appren-  
tice to the farming business by his Father when he was  
about eleven years of age; and remained with me untill  
he was about 17 years of age at which time he was  
drafted for a term of Six months duty; and there being  
at that time a bounty offered by the State to those  
who would enlist for Six Months; I advised him to list  
to save his bounty which he did; and I received his  
bounty which I put out at interest and kept it for  
him untill he was 21 years of age; he went into the  
Service I think about the first of June 1780. And was  
gone from me Six Months and then returned and  
lived with me again untill he was 21 years of age  
so frequently heard from him while he was in the  
Service and have no doubt that he served faithfully  
for Six months the term he enlisted for, and the term  
which he was absent from me;

Signed

Vine Stoddard

New London County ss. Groton September  
21<sup>st</sup> 1832. Personally appeared Vine  
Stoddard the Subscriber to the foregoing Depo-  
sition and made Solemn Oath to the truth  
of the same before me

Nathan Daboll Justice of the Peace

I hereby Certify, that I am well acquainted with Vine Stoddard  
who signed the foregoing deposition and know him to be a credible  
Person whose testimony may be relied upon

Nathan Daboll Justice of Peace



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**Bounty Land Claim**

Of Thomas Reach  
aged 90 yrs

Act of March 3<sup>d</sup> 1855

Please make Returns to

**S. W. WOOD,**

**Ledyard, Conn.**

**BOUNTY LAND CLAIM,---Form of Declaration for Surviving Officer or Soldier.**

State of Connecticut,

County of New London.

ss. Probate District of Sedgwick

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1883,  
Judge of Probate for said District  
Thomas Roach

A. D., 1853, personally appeared before me, *Samuel W. Wood*  
duly authorized by law to administer oaths, within and for the County aforesaid,  
aged 90 years, a resident of Sedgwick in the

County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical  
*Thomas Roach* who was a *Private* in the *Revolutionary War*, and that he  
is now a pensioner of the United States, at the rate of *Twenty Dollars per annum*  
under act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that his pension is *discontinued* as date *December 1<sup>st</sup> 1832*,  
Lieut. Colonel in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States, on  
the 18th day of June, 1812,—That he was legally mustered into the military service with said Company  
at in the County aforesaid on or about the day of

A. D., 181 , and continued, according to the best of his recollection, in actual service, in said war, at said time, for the term  
of days, and was honorably discharged at in said County, on or  
about the day of A. D., 181 , that he was again legally mustered into the military service  
with the said Company commanded by Captain in the said

Regiment, commanded by Lieut. Colonel at  
in the County aforesaid, on or about the day of A. D., 181 , and continued, according to the  
best of his recollection, in actual service in said war, at said time, for the term of days, and  
was honorably discharged at in said County, on or about the day of  
A. D., 181 , that he was again legally mustered into the military service with the said Company commanded by  
Capt. in the said Regiment commanded by Lieut. Colonel

at in the County aforesaid, on or about the day of  
A. D., 181 , and continued, according to the best of his recollection, in actual service, in said  
war, at said time, for the term of days, and was honorably discharged at  
in said County, on or about the day of A. D., 181 , that he was again legally mustered  
into the military service with the said Company commanded by Captain

in the said Regiment commanded by Lieut. Colonel at  
in the County aforesaid, on or about the day of A. D., 181 , and continued,  
according to the best of his recollection, in actual service, in said war, at said time, for the term of days,  
and was honorably discharged at in said County, on or about the day of  
A. D., 181 , that he served as aforesaid, and was honorably discharged each time, as will appear by the muster rolls of said  
Company, but that he did not receive a written discharge at either of said times.

*He also declares that he has not received a warrant for Bounty  
land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other  
application therefor.*

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act enti-  
tled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Lands to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the  
military service of the United States," passed *March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855* He furthermore declares that  
he is not entitled to any military Bounty Land, under any act of Congress, passed prior to

In presence of

*Thomas Roach Jr*  
*Oliver Williams*

*his*  
*Samuel W. Wood*  
*mark*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day and year first above written, and I hereby certify, that I believe the said  
*Thomas Roach* to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated.

*That I know the claimant to be the person he represents himself to be, that he is a  
credible person and that I have no interest in this claim, and that the declarant  
in testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, on the day and year first above written.  
by reason of blindness of one eye & almost blindness of the other caused by a  
cancer on his face, and by reason of feeble health has become unable  
write his name.*

*Sam W. Wood*  
*Judge of Probate*

We Thomas Roach Jr and Eliza C. Allen of Sedgwick  
in the State of Connecticut upon our oaths declare that the within  
declaration was signed and sworn to by Thomas Roach within named in  
our presence, that we are well acquainted with him and know him to be  
the identical person he represents himself to be in the within declaration

Thomas Roach Jr.

Eliza C. Allen

State of Connecticut, Probate District of Sedgwick.

The above affidavit was sworn to and subscribed before me  
on this 26th day of March A.D. 1855 by Thomas Roach Jr and  
Eliza C. Allen above named and I certify that I know  
them to be credible persons.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the seal of the Court of Probate for said District

Saml W. Wood Judge  
of said Court.



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Roach, William

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Ohio

William Roach

of Knox township in the state of Ohio,  
who was a private in the regiment commanded by  
Colonel Mc Coy of the Penns.  
line, for the term of 3 years

Inscribed on the Roll of Ohio  
at the rate of eight Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1819  
and sent to Ephr. Root, Esq.  
Steubenville, Ohio

Arrears to 4th of March 1819. 6 m<sup>th</sup>. \$49. 3  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4 September ..... 48. -

\$97. 3

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1819. }

Revised

Wm Roach  
of Knox township  
1818-1821  
1818-1821  
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William Roach of Know township, county of Jefferson  
and State of Ohio, upon oath makes the following declaration

That the said William Roach, in the month of Au-  
gust A 1776 enlisted, as a private for the term of three years, in  
Capt. Myers' Company of foot, in Col. M: Cays' Regiment, it being the  
5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Pennsylvania line - that the declarant in  
the month of January, marched to Philadelphia, where the regiment  
was commanded by Col. Broadhead, - that he lay at Valley Forge one  
winter; from thence marched to Pittsburg, where the regiment was com-  
manded by Col. Bayard, by whom he was honorably discharged, in  
the month of September A 1779. That the declarant was engaged  
in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. - That he received  
his discharge, which is herewith transmitted. That the declarant  
is 75 years of age, infirm, and from his reduced circumstances in  
life is now in need of assistance from his country for support; and  
that he hereby relinquishes his claim to any pension heretofore  
allowed him by the United States. *William Roach*

I George Fitzpatrick of Jefferson County State of Ohio, do on  
oath testify, that to my certain knowledge, the above named  
William Roach is poor and needs assistance from his country  
for support.

*George Fitzpatrick*

William Roach  
private  
Col M: Cays' Regiment  
Pennsylvania Line  
1776 - 3 years



I Benjamin Tappan President judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> judicial district of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A 1818, personally appeared before me, the aforementioned William Roach and George Litchfield and in my presence subscribed and made oath to the aforementioned declaration and affidavit by them respectively made, and it appearing to my satisfaction, that the aforementioned William Roach served for more than nine months, to wit, from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A 1777 to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January A 1778, at one period of the war of the Revolution in the continental establishment, against the common enemy, and that he was honorably discharged, and that he is poor and in need of assistance from his country for support, I hereby certify the testimony in this case and the proceedings thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and ~~affixed~~ caused the seal of the court of the County of Jefferson, to be affixed, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A 1818.

*Benjamin Tappan*

State of Ohio  
Jefferson County

By the direction of the Hon Benjamin Tappan President judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> judicial district of the State of Ohio, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A 1818.

*John Tappan*

# State of Ohio Jefferson County J<sup>s</sup>. Court of Common Pleas

In the matter of } De it remembered that at the August Term  
 William Roach a } of this Court in the year of our Lord one  
 Revolutionary Pensioner } Thousand eight hundred & twenty. William  
 & Roach of said County of Jefferson comes &  
 makes a Declaration of his services & in the words & figures following  
 To wit, On the 23<sup>d</sup> day of August Anno Domini one Thousand  
 eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court being a  
 Court of Record for said County William Roach aged seventy  
 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according  
 to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary  
 war as follows, to wit, In the Company commanded by Cap-  
 tain Eli Myers in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wilson  
 being the eighth of the Pennsylvania line. He has received  
 a Pension Certificate from the government of the United States  
 the number of which is 10.187. The date of his original Declaration  
 was the first day of September A.D. 1818. And I do solemnly  
 swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the  
 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time by  
 gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any  
 part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring me-  
 self within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act  
 to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval  
 service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed  
 on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. and that I have not, nor has any  
 person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or  
 debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is  
 contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me submitted

8 pc.		William Roach -	
8 plates & 2 dishes	\$1.50	1 Dutch oven	\$1.00
1 Wheel	.50	3 Knives & 2 forks	1.00
1 Reel	.37 1/2	5 Spoons	.50
1 Chair	.50	A few Books	2.75
1 Chest	.37 1/2	1 Candle Stick	.10
1 Stew Kettle	1.00	1 Tythe	1.50



1 Yearling Bull - - -	\$4.50	50 lb. of Iron -	\$6.25
1 Cow - - - - -	9.00	pension money	48.00
1 Mare 18 years old - -	4.00		

My family consists of my wife aged sixty six years. unable to work  
 my son aged 18 years who works a little but unable to support me  
 I was a farmer but for two years past have wholly unal to work  
 I am indebted to others in the amount of thirty six dollars. There  
 are twenty one due me -

William Roach

William Roach (173)

Whereupon the said William Roach being sworn to the  
 facts above stated, and producing satisfactory evidence to  
 the Court that the aforesaid Schedule contain all the prop-  
 erty by him owned and that the value thereof including  
 the cash on hand is \$98.10 and no more, Therefore it is  
 ordered by the Court that the aforesaid Declaration & Schedule  
 be entered of Record and certified by the Clerk of this Court  
 to the War Department

State of Ohio Jefferson County, ss

John Patterson Clerk of the Court  
 of Common Pleas for the said County  
 of Jefferson do certify that the  
 foregoing oath and the schedule

thereto annexed are truly copied from the Records  
 of said Court - And I do further certify that it  
 is the opinion of the Court that the total amount  
 in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid  
 Schedule is one ninety eight Dollars and ten cents

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Steubenville this  
 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September Anno Domini 1820

John Patterson Clerk



September 18, 1930.

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L. Garrett Myers  
80 North Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah

St-J/ady  
William Roach  
S.40880

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

The Revolutionary War records of this office fails to show a claim for pension or bounty land on file on account of the services of John Roach as described by you, all spellings of the names searched.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.40880, based upon the military service in that war of William Roach.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of William Roach are not shown.

William Roach enlisted, place not shown, August 12, 1776, served as private in Captain Eli Myer's Company, Colonel's Wilson's, Mackay's and Brodhead's Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment; was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and was discharged by Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Sargent September 14, 1778.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 1, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Essex Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, and stated he was aged seventy-five years. However, in August 1820, he stated he was seventy years old.

In 1820, his wife, was sixty-six years old, and his son, was eighteen years of age, no names were given. There are no further family data.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of

pension, the name of person paid and possibly the death date of soldier, you should apply to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Record Division, Washington, D. C., and cite the following data: "William Beach, Certificate No. 10187, issued May 1, 1818, rate \$8.00 per month, commenced September 1, 1818, Act of March 18, 1818, Ohio Agency".

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator

SERVICE

NUMBER

Va.

Roach, William

B.L.Wt. 12510, issued 1792

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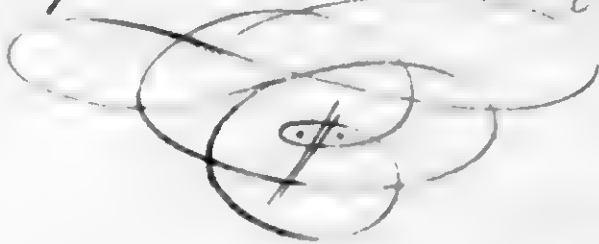


Wt. #12510

~~No. 2082~~

William Roach  
~~Corporate~~  
Virginia Line.

Warrant issued Jan. 21. 1792.  
as it appears on Record in the  
Book of Locations, to  
Stephen London, Ass<sup>ee</sup>



no other paper

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Roach, William GRADE Private LINE Virginia

WARRANT NUMBER 12510 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED January 21, 1792  
To Stephen London, assignee

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

Rev. and 1912  
War Office

March 19, 1929

Mrs. Roy W. McKinney  
1595 Broadway  
Paducah, Kentucky

Madam:

I advise you from the Revolutionary War records of this bureau it appears that Warrant No. 12510 for 100 acres of bounty land was issued January 21, 1792 to Stephen London or Landon, Assignee, on account of the services of William Reach, a corporal in the Virginia Line, War of the Revolution.

There are no further data on file as to his services, and no data on file as to his family, owing to the destruction of papers in such claims, when the War Office was burned in 1800.

The above noted William Reach is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau, who was from Virginia.

Respectfully,

E. W. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner.



Penn.

Roads,

Anna

P. 8927

Eisenhauer, Frederic

Caleb

Former widow.

SERVICE

NUMBER

Penn.

Roads, John  
Roods<sup>or</sup>

8846

War 1812

Reid<sup>or</sup>

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though I held that office so long, I cannot now  
remember who signed my Commission as  
it has been lost & destroyed a long time ago.

When I joined Lafayette's Army at Brattleboro  
a few days - then to Baltimore - from there to  
Little York in Virginia - at York Town  
during the action a little man, a French  
man attended the artillery, called, as  
well as I recollect Rushmore - I  
was in the service from it all together  
from April ~~1781~~ to July 1782 as  
before stated.

I hereby relinquish every claim  
whenever to a pension or annuity except the  
present and declare that my name is not on  
the pension Roll of any agency of any State  
or territory whatever.

John Rodger

I was to subscribe  
the day of your opening in  
open court  
Henry Doyle Clerk.

Interrogatories put to the said Rodger in  
open court under oath - His answers.

1. Where were you born & in what year -  
Ans. In the City of Philadelphia, Water Street - in  
1761 -

2. When were you living when called into the  
service -

Ans. I was living in 9 miles & Redding town at  
Patterson's farm - since the Revolutionary war,  
lived in New Co Army for several years  
and then I removed to Hamfield

Court when I now live - I have heard Lewis  
Coff plead in our Court, at Chelmsford &  
at Lancaster - I think he pleads a cause  
against me once - I never have been able to  
ascertain how my Discharge was lost but, I  
have not seen the Commission or Discharge  
for a great many years - nor do I recollect  
who signed them - John Rodsen

Sworn to & subscribed  
in open court this  
1<sup>st</sup> November 1832.

Wm Byler Clerk

We George Wiser a Chippman residing in the  
County of Hampshire & Vicinity of said John Rodsen, and Joseph  
Maffie who also resides in the neighbourhood of said  
John Rodsen, do certify that we are well acquainted with  
the said John Rodsen who has subscribed & sworn to the  
aforesaid Declaration that we believe him to be 72  
years of age, that he is reputed and believed  
in the neighbourhood where he resides to have  
been a Soldier of the Revolution, and that  
we concur in that opinion

Sworn to & subscribed in  
open Court 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1832.

George Wiser  
J. Maffie

Wm Byler Clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare their Opinion,  
after the investigation of the matter, and after putting  
the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department,  
that the abovesigned applicant was a revolutionary  
soldier, and served as he states. And the Court find  
the certifier that it appears to them that George Wiser

Feb 18. 1857

Know all men, by these presents, that I, David Roads, a son of John Roads deceased & I John Crook Administrator of the estate of the aforesaid John Roads deceased do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel A. Peugh, of Washington City & District of Columbia, our lawful attorney, for us in our names, to prosecute all claims of John Roads deceased as aforesaid to a Pension, or the claims of his heirs arising from his services in the Revolutionary war as a Pensioner, against the Government of the United States, and authorize him to have free & full access to any papers, that may be on file in any of the public offices of the Government relating to, or for the purposes aforesaid, with the power of appointing or substituting any other person in his stead, for the same purposes aforesaid, hereby revoking all other letters or powers of attorney made by us in the premises &

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands & affixed our seals &

David Roads (Seal)  
John Crook

Administrators of the Estate of John Roads deceased

The State of Ohio.  
Fairfield County, S.S.

Be it remembered that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 1857, personally appeared before the undersigned, an acting Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, David Roads, and John Crook, administrators or bonis non, of the Estate of John Roads deceased, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the above Power of Attorney to be their voluntary act and deed, and for the purposes therein expressed,  
Given under my hand, the day and year above written.

Alfred M. Veigh, J.P.



John Radsen — born March 6, 1761  
 My wife was born March 3, 1756

2	Leopold	born	October 14,	1784,
	Johannes	"	April 4,	1786,
	Jacob	"	March 5,	1788
	Samuel	"	December 2,	1789
	Lönnamien	"	January 23,	1792
	Wilhelm	"	March 3,	1794
	David	"	June 6,	1796
	Daniel	"	June 26,	1798
	Antonius	"	July 26,	1800
2	Alexander	"	February 5,	1803
2	"	"	November 7,	1805

Our grandfather had at that time  
 54 grandchildren

Translated from German script  
 by Ser. Gembickski, Office of Education  
 May 12, 1931.

May 13, 1931

Mrs. Taylor Rhodes  
7235 Creveling Drive  
University City, Missouri

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section  
EHL

Dear Madam:

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R. 8846, that John Roads (the name also appears as Roads or Reid) was born March 6, 1761, on Water Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

While residing at Patten's Furnace, nine miles from Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, he enlisted April 15, 1781, under Captain John Perick, Captain of the Brigade of Wagons; stood as guard over the Hessian prisoners confined at Reading; was then placed under General Lafayette and marched to Yorktown; was transferred to the artillery under the French officer, Rochambeau, on the day of his arrival, and was at the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis. November 14, 1781, was commissioned captain of the company formerly commanded by Captain Perick, commanded the Wagon Brigade and was also Forage Master and was discharged July 11, 1783.

After the Revolution, he resided in Berks County, Pennsylvania, for several years, then removed to Fairfield County, Ohio.

He applied for pension November 1, 1832, while residing in Fairfield County, Ohio.

His claim was not allowed as he did not render six months actual military service as was required by the pension laws. The Act of June 7, 1832, under which he applied, made no provision for service as teamster and the other service alleged by the soldier did not

amount to the required length of service of six months.

During the War of 1812, John Roads volunteered on the call for troops issued September 5, 1812, by General William Henry Harrison, marched to Lower Sandusky and served twelve or fifteen days under General Leach. Two of his sons, Benjamin and William Roads, served with him on this expedition.

In 1835, he was residing in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.

He was deceased in 1851, exact date of death not shown.

The following appears in the claim as translated from an old record, also therein:

John Roads, sen.	born March	6, 1761.
My wife was	" March	3, 1758.
	(wife's name is not given).	
Leopold	born October	14, 1784.
Johannes	" April	4, 1788.
Jacob	" March	5, 1782.
Samuel	" December	2, 1788.
Louisamieu	" January	23, 1792.
Wilhelm	" March	3, 1794.
David	" June	5, 1796.
Daniel	" June	26, 1798.
Andonnis	" July	26, 1800.
Acarahn(?)	" February	5, 1803.
----- (not legible)	" February	7, 1805.

The following also appears on this record: "Our grandfather had at this time 54 grandchildren".

Son David is referred to in 1851.

Very truly yours

E. W. MORGAN  
Acting Commissioner.



SERVICE

New York

NUMBER

Roads, Richard  
Anna

W. 16389

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Letter to Pen Age 7. April 1860

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New York. 1867

Anna Road  
of Richard Road

died on the year 1812  
Misthert Co. in the State of N. York  
who was a Priv. Artil in the company commanded  
by Captain Moody of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Lamb in the N. York  
for 9 months N.Y.

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 37 Dollars 50 Cents, per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1838 and sent to Hon.  
A. Ward, President

Amount to the 1st of March 38 262.50  
Semi-annual allowance ending 1<sup>st</sup> Apr. 98.75

\$ 281.25

Revolutionary Claim  
Act July 4, 1836  
Section the 3

Recorded by D. Brown  
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Class

State of New York  
County of Westchester

On this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the undersigned Frederic T Coffin one of the Supreme Court Commissioners of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the people of the State of New York (authorized to do and perform every act or duty which a Justice of the said Court can do or perform out of court) Anna Roads a resident of the town of Yorktown in the County of Westchester aforesaid aged ninety years on the eighth day of August last past who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4. 1836. That she is the widow of Richard Roads who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Moody in the Regiment of Continental troops commanded by Colonel Lamb of the Artillery to the best of the declarant's recollection understanding and belief. That she believes the said Richard Roads first enlisted in Colonel Vose's regiment for the term of nine months and that he soon after said enlistment, enlisted in the said company of Captain Moody in said Lamb's Regiment for three years or during the war, and that to the best of the recollection of the deponent the said enlistment took place in the spring of the year 1781. at Philipstown Putnam Co. N.Y. and that the said Richard Roads continued in said service as a private until the close of the war and was then honorably discharged from said service. That she cannot recollect the christian names of any of

the peace



the officers under whom her said husband served nor can she now set forth the revolutionary services of her said husband more particularly than she has above stated them.

She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Roads on the fifteenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy two at the town of Yorktown aforesaid by the Reverend Mr. Shackell then officiating clergyman at said Yorktown aforesaid. That her husband the aforesaid Richard Roads died sometime in the fall of the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve at the town of Carmel in the County of Putnam and that she has remained a widow ever since that period so will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed: that she has no record of her marriage —

Known to and subscribed  
this ninth day of October  
1837 before me:  
The words "Putnam Co."  
written on an erasure before being  
known to —

her  
Anna F. Roads  
mark

Frederic J. Coffin  
Supreme Court Commissioner

I Frederic J. Coffin Supreme Court Commissioner as aforesaid do hereby certify that Anna Roads who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration cannot from bodily infirmity attend the Court of Record of the said County of Dutchess to make her declaration before the same —  
Frederic J. Coffin

State of New York

County of Westchester ss

Be it known that before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Westchester personally appeared Jane Brown and made oath in due form of Law that she is a daughter of Anna Roads the identical person who was a Pensioner of the United States and is now dead and to whom a Certificate of Pension was issued of which the following is a true copy

"War Department

Revolutionary Claim

I certify that in conformity with the 3<sup>d</sup> Section of the Law of the United States of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1830 Anna Roads of the State of New York widow of Richard Roads who was a private of Artillery in the War of the Revolution is entitled to receive thirty seven dollars and fifty cents per annum during the time she may remain unmarried, commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1831 and payable semi-annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March and 4<sup>th</sup> of September

J. J.

Given at the War Office of the United States the  
thirteenth day of March One thousand eight  
hundred and thirty-eight

(s) J. R. Poinsett

Examined & Countersigned

J. L. Edwards

Secretary of War

Commissioner of Pensions

That the deceased Pensioner was at the time of her death widow of said Richard Roads and that she resided at Yorktown Westchester County in the State of New York for the space of six years or thereabouts before her death and that previous thereto she resided in Putnam County State aforesaid

Given to and subscribed this 16 day of March 1840 before me

William Coleman

Justice of the peace

Witness W. L. Johnson Mayor & Deacons  
and Mrs. Morris

Know all men by these presents that I Jane Brown of Yorktown County of Westchester State of New York daughter of Richard Kelly Anna Roads deceased who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States and is now dead do hereby constitute and appoint Charles D. Lewis

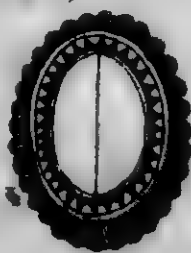
of Brooklyn my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my  
name to receive from the Agent of the United States for  
paying Pensions in the City of New York the balance of said pension  
from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1838 to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1839 being the day of her death

Witness my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1840

Sealed and delivered in the  
presence of the words "Libel Kelly"  
and before execution

William Clements  
Justice of the Peace  
State of New York

her  
James Brown  
Attorney at Law



County of Westchester ss. Be it known that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1840, before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County  
of Westchester personally appeared the above named Jane Brown and  
acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be her act and deed  
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year  
last above mentioned

William Clements  
Justice of the Peace

State of New York

County of Westchester ss.

I Thomas A. Fisher Acting Clerk of the said County  
of Westchester State of New York do hereby certify that William Clements  
at the time of the execution of the foregoing papers was a Justice  
of the Peace in and for said County duly commissioned & sworn and  
that I have examined his signature thereto which I certify to be  
genuine

Given under my hand and the Seal  
of the said County this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1840

Thos A Fisher Actg Clerk



Mass.

Roads, Samuel

Or. 4319.

<sup>or</sup> Rhoades

<sup>or</sup> Rhodes

Mary

SERVICE

NUMBER

Continental  
Ind.

★  
Roaff, Peter  
Rhuff

S. 40382

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Date of death not  
in A.B. no. 1835 list

18307  
Ohio

Peter Roaff

of Montgomery in the State of Ohio  
who was a Private in the Regiment commanded by  
Colonel Rawling of the Maryland  
Line, for the term of 1-7-1778-9-

Described on the Roll of Ohio  
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 25 of July 1821

Certificate of Pension issued the 4 of Nov. 1822  
and Sent to C. R. Greene Esq.  
Dayton, Ohio

Arrears to 4th of Sept 1822 106.86  
Semi anl. all'ce ending 4 March 1823 48

13 mo 4 1/4  
8 1/2  
104 1/2 131 30  
\$ 154.86

1.80  
1.6  
{ Revolutionary claim,  
Act 18th March, 1818. }

May 1. 1820



1928 Sept. 13. H. H. Keifert ad. rel. co.  
date of last payment Carred in  
cl. of John Byrne, S. No 08. M.P.

1929 Feb. 27. H. E. Nutt furn  
names of witnesses, see  
claim of Chas. Brooks, R. 1256.  
M.E.E.

40352

*Resp* **INVALID.**

File No. 40352

Peter Kraft

Rev. Mr. M. V.

Act: 18<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup>

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Peter Rhuff, or Roaf

4/11

C. R. Greene,  
Dayton, Ohio.

Recd from Aud. Gen. of Md.

4 Nov. 1822 —

Washington

War Department

Pension Office



Auditor's Office, Annapolis, . November 1st 1822

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls remaining in  
the Auditor's Office, that *Peter Hoag*  
enlisted as a *private* in ~~the~~ *Pawlings* Maryland  
Regiment, ~~on the~~ *for one year* ~~day of~~  
and was discharged on the *9th day of August 1779*

*Thos. Harney*

Auditor General,  
State of Maryland.



the county in which the  
applicant resides, must be  
set forth.

Recd Aug. 11, 1881. 18,789

Peter Blunt  
Ohio.

Q. Van Bleece

Dayton, Ohio.

Recd. 11 Aug. 1881.

Dayton, Ohio.

the county in which the  
applicant resides, must be  
set forth.

Recd Aug. 11. 1821. 18,789

Peter Ruff,  
Ohio.

B. Van Clee,  
Dayton, Ohio.

Recd 11 Aug. 1821.

Dayton, Ohio.

seventeen hundred and seventy six under Captain Bell in the Regiment  
commanded by Col. Moses Rawlins, was in the battle of Fort Washington and  
and there taken prisoner. That after he was discharged from the regular service  
in seventeen hundred and seventy eight he served as a volunteer under  
Captain Rush on the frontier, as a spy company against the Indians that  
he was in the Indian Battle on Tuscaraway ~~flashing~~ under Colonel  
Campbell that he served from seventeen hundred & seventy six until the  
general peace either as an enlisted soldier or volunteer & that he has no  
other evidence now in his power of his said service except that herewith  
forwarded - and in pursuance to the act of the first May eighteen hundred &  
twenty I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States  
on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen that I  
have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my  
property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to being my  
self within the act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons  
engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war,  
passed on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred & eighteen & that I have not and  
has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me  
nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule herewith  
annexed & by me subscribed as follows to wit: one Cow valued at \$8.00 one hoe  
\$1.00 one axe \$1.50 one board table \$1.50 three plane chairs split bottoms \$1.00 one Kettle  
the \$1.25 three Knives & forks \$0.75 one tea kettle \$1.25 one smoothing iron \$1.00 four  
pewter plates \$1.25 - Real property I have none. My occupation is that of a farmer for  
my support & am not able to do a third part of a days work - Margaret Rhuff my wife  
being self cannot support any family she is sixty five years of age & very infirm & unable to do much  
for her support - I do now to be subscribed in open court  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 1821 - attest B. Van Cleave Clerk

Peter Rhuff

Personally came in open court Henry Rhuff who being duly sworn saith that he is well acquainted  
with the property of Peter Rhuff that he has no real property that the above schedule is a true exhibi-  
tion of his personal property his wearing apparel & bedding excepted & also that the value affixed to the  
same is according to his belief true

Henry Rhuff

Sworn to & subscribed in open court July 26<sup>th</sup> 1821 Attest B. Van Cleave Clerk

The State of Ohio Montgomery County ss. Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for  
the county aforesaid personally came Daniel Martin well known to me who being duly affirmed  
saith that he was well acquainted with Peter Rhuff in the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight he saw  
said Peter Rhuff in the Army of the United States under the command of Col. Rawlins on the march from  
Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland in the State of Maryland. This deponent was preposed to haul the baggage  
for the Regiment to which said Rhuff was attached & well knows that said Rhuff was a soldier in said  
Regiment & further this deponent saith not  
affirmed to & subscribed before me the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 1821. Moses Greer J. P.

Daniel Martin



Personally came in open court Henry Rhuff who being duly sworn saith that he is well acquainted with the property of Peter Rhuff that he has no real property that the above schedule is a true exhibition of his personal property his wearing apparel & Bedding excepted & also that the value affixed to the same is according to his belief true

Henry Rhuff  
mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court July 26<sup>th</sup> 1821 Attest B. Van Cleave Clerk

The State of Ohio Montgomery County ss Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the county aforesaid personally came Daniel Martin well known to me who being duly affirmed saith that he was well acquainted with Peter Rhuff in the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight he saw said Peter Rhuff in the Army of the United States under the Command of Col Rawlins on the march from Fort Frederick to Fort Cumberland in the State of Maryland this deponent was pressed to haul the baggage for the Regiment to which said Rhuff was attached & well knows that said Rhuff was a Soldier in said Regiment & further this deponent saith not

Affirmed to & Subscribed before me the 26<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Martin

day of July 1821. Moses Greer J. P.

State of Ohio Montgomery County ss June 16<sup>th</sup> 1821 Personally appeared before me John Houtz a Justice of the peace within & for said County Matthias Rhuff who upon his solemn oath saith that Peter Rhuff has been enlisted a Soldier in the last Revolution War in the first Regiment of the Maryland troops Commanded by Col. Moses Rawlins & Captain Thomas Bell further this deponent saith not

Sworn to & subscribed before me John Houtz J. P. Matthias Rhuff  
On the Application of Peter Rhuff a petitioner for a pension under the several Acts of Congress in such case lately made & provided. The Court are of Opinion & adjudge that the facts stated by the petitioner in his petition & declaration are true & that his property amounts in value to nineteen dollars & twenty five cents & no more as exhibited in his schedule annexed to his said petition & declaration & it is ordered by the Court that the petition declaration & schedule of the said Peter Rhuff with the affidavits thereto annexed be entered of Records

The State of Ohio

Montgomery County ss I Benjamin Van Cleave Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Montgomery aforesaid do certify that the foregoing oath & the Schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said Court & that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is nineteen dollars & twenty five cents  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of the said Court at Dayton on this twenty eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred & twenty one B. Van Cleave

Pleas at Dayton before the Honorable Joseph St. Crane Esquire President and his  
associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Montgomery in the  
State of Ohio, of the term ~~beginning~~ <sup>beginning</sup> the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty

The Application of Peter Rhuff for a pension  
Montgomery. Be it remembered that at a Court of Common Pleas holden  
at Dayton in the county of Montgomery & State of Ohio on the twenty fourth day  
of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
~~one~~ before the Honorable Joseph St. Crane Esquire President and his  
associate Judges for the county aforesaid came Peter Rhuff and  
produced his application for a pension in the words following to wit:

State of Ohio, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas of the term  
July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty ~~one~~  
On this ~~Twenty fifth~~ <sup>Twenty fifth</sup> day of ~~July~~ <sup>July</sup> eighteen hundred & twenty ~~one~~  
personally appeared in open Court, It being a Court of record  
in the State of Ohio, Peter Rhuff aged sixty years who being duly sworn  
according to law doth on his corporate oath make the following  
declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of  
Congress of the eighteenth March eighteen hundred & eighteen &  
the first of May eighteen hundred and twenty - That he the said Peter  
Rhuff enlisted on the eleventh day of June seventeen hundred &  
seventy seven in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by  
~~Capt~~ <sup>Capt</sup> Moses Rawlins in the line of the State aforesaid in the continental  
establishment that he continued to serve until he was discharged in June  
seventeen hundred and seventy eight when he was discharged from said  
service in the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight in the State aforesaid  
That he was a volunteer in the service of the militia during the year of



Plays at Dayton before the Honorable Joseph H. Crane Esquire President and his associate judges of the court of common Pleas for the county of Montgomery in the State of Ohio of the term of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two

The application of Peter Roaff for a pension  
Montgomery. ~~Pa.~~ Be it remembered that at a court of common Pleas holden at Dayton in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two before the Honorable Joseph H. Crane Esquire President and his associate judges for the county a<sup>d</sup> came Peter Roaff <sup>of said County</sup> and produced his application for a pension in the words following to wit " State of Ohio. Montgomery County court of Common Pleas of the term of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two On this Eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty two personally appeared in opened court. being the court of common Pleas for the county of Montgomery and state of Ohio And a court of record in the said state. Peter Roaff aged sixty one years who being first duly sworn according to Law. doth on his oath make the following declaration. In order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress. the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen (and the first of May eighteen hundred and twenty that he the said Peter Roaff existed some time in the month of June in the year of our Lord seven teen hundred and seventy seven in the state of Maryland at Fort Frederick in the company commanded by Capt Thomas Bell in the regiment commanded by Colonel Mose Rowles in the line of the state



up on the continental establishment that he continued  
to serve in the said corps until some time in the mo-  
nth of December seventeen hundred and seventy  
eight when he was discharged from said service  
at Pittsburg in the state of Pennsylvania by Col  
Thomas Pell under General Broadhead that he  
was placed as one of a guard over the English  
prisoners at Fort Mifflin in Mayland. In the  
month of June seventeen hundred and seventy seven  
and continued there until May seventeen hundred  
and seventy eight when the said regiment was ordered  
to Pittsburg and this declarant marched with said  
regiment and arrived there some time in the  
first of June same year, that he was in the battle  
of Tuscaraw at Fort Mifflin commanded by  
Col Campbell, that he has no other evidence now  
in his power of his said service except that  
herewithin forwarded. This declarant is no  
scholar and cannot write his name. that his  
name being a German name, is spelled by some  
Rooff, Roof, Ruff, and Rhuff. his house having  
been burnt ~~down~~ all his papers with his dis-  
charge. he is unable to state the precise time of  
his enlistment or discharge, and in pursuance  
to the act of the first of May eighteen hundred and  
twenty. I do solemnly swear that I was a residen-  
t citizen of the United States on the eighteenth  
day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen  
that I have not since that time by gift sale  
or in any manner disposed of my property or  
any part thereof with intent thereby to de-  
fract it as to bring myself within the act  
of Congress entitled fine and provide for  
certain persons engaged in the land and naval

service of the United States in the revolutionary  
war passed the eighteenth day of March eighteen  
hundred and eighteen. And that I have not, nor  
has any person in trust for me, any property  
or securities, contracts, or debts, due me. Nor have  
I any income other than what is contained in a  
schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule.

One cow valued at	\$ 8.00
one hoe	1.00
one axe	1.50
One Adona table	1.50
3 plain chairs	1.75
one Kettle	1.25
3 knives and forks	0.75
one tea Kettle	1.25
one smoothing iron	1.00
four pecks	1.25
	<u>\$19.25</u>

Real property I have none, my occupation is  
that of a Farmer or common labourer, I labour  
for my support. I am not able to do one third of  
a days work. Margaretta Peoff my wife and  
myself compose my family, she is sixty six years  
of age, and very infirm, and does but little for  
her support. Sworn to and subscribed in open  
court June 11<sup>th</sup> 1822.

*Peter Peoff*  
made

attest *John Brown* clerk

Personally came in open court Henry Rhuff who being duly sworn saith that he is  
well acquainted with the property of Peter Peoff that he has no real property  
that the above schedule is a true exhibition of his personal property his wearing  
apparel and bedding excepted & also that the value appraised to the same is according  
to his belief &c

*Henry Rhuff*  
sworn

Sworn and subscribed in open court before me the undersigned a Justice of  
the state of Ohio Montgomery County ss. Personally came Daniel Shorter who being  
the hear in and for the county of personally came Daniel Shorter who being  
to me who being duly affirmed saith that he was well acquainted with Peter Peoff  
that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he saw said Peter Peoff in the  
army of the United States under the command of Col Rawlins on the march from  
Fort Mifflin to Fort Cumberland in the state of Maryland this deponent was witness  
to have the baggage for the regiment to which said Peoff was attached & he further  
that said Peoff was a soldier in said Regiment and further that this deponent saith  
not



affirmed to and subscribed before me the 25<sup>th</sup>

Charles Martin

day of July 1821 Mons Greer J. P.

State of Ohio Montgomery County By Jun 16<sup>th</sup> 1822 Personally appeared before me John Houty a Justice of the Peace within and for said county Matthias Rhuff who upon his solemn oath saith that Peter Rooff has been enlisted soldier in the last revolution war in the first regiment of the Maryland troops commanded by Col Moses Rawlings and Capt Thomas Bell, further this deponent saith not Matthias Rhuff taken & subscribed before me John Houty J. P.

On the application of Peter Rooff a petitioner for a pension under the several acts of Congress in such case lately made and provided. The court one of opinion & adjudge that the facts stated by the petitioner in his petition and declaration are true and that his property amounts in value to nineteen dollars & twenty five cents & no more as exhibited in his schedule annexed to his said petition and declaration and it is ordered by the court that the petition declaration & schedule of the said Peter Rooff with the affidavits thereto annexed be entered of record.

The State of Ohio  
Montgomery County

I Charles A. Greene clerk of the court of common peace for the county of <sup>of Montgomery</sup> do certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said court and that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the afd. schedule is nineteen dollars & twenty five cents.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court at Dayton on the eleventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

C. A. Greene Clerk

C. A. Greene  
att. Dayton Ohio.



SERVICE

*Penn.*

NUMBER

*Roan, John*

*S. 23882*

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*Revelation*

23882

INVALID.

File No.

23882

*John H. Hain*

*Rev. Hain*

Act:

*June 7<sup>th</sup> 59*

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

11.462  
Pennsylvania

John Rean

of Northampton in the State of Pennsylvania  
who was a Dr in the Company commanded  
by Captain McKimley of the Regt commanded  
by Col Cook in the Pennsylvania  
line for -

2 Yrs. \$ 80.00

Inscribed on the Roll of Pennsylvania  
at the rate of 50 Dollars. 1000 per annum.  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2<sup>d</sup> day of May  
and sent to  
1833 J. P. Wolfinger, William Pa.

Arrears to the 1st of Mar. 1833 100.00  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 Sept. 40

200.

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by J. P. Sprague Clerk  
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N: 17,530  
John Roen  
Pennsylvania

18<sup>th</sup> March 1853

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2 y<sup>rs</sup>

\$480. -

17,530

J. H. Nofsinger  
Hilton

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**BRIEF in the case of John Doen**  
**County of Northumberland in the State of Pa.**  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? — *before a Judge*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity? *yes*
3. How old is he? *80*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.	
	Years,	Months,	Days.	As a	Gen.
<i>in the 11th Troop Dec<sup>r</sup> In 1776 he entered for 3 years of service during the war.</i>	<i>24 years</i>				<i>Capt. McKinley, Col Cook Ge<sup>l</sup>. Copeway Green</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Battle of Brandywine — German Town*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Lancaster Pennsylvania*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?  
*the papers are not attested agreeably to the regulations*

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*George Taylor*

Examining Clerk.

State of Pennsylvania }  
Northumberland county } S. C. T.

On this Twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two John Roen, a resident of the township of Turbut in the county and state aforesaid, aged eighty one years and upwards, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his solemn oath before the Hon. Jacob Bearhart one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county (the said Jacob Bearhart having for this very purpose come to the residence of him the said John Roen the said John Roen being unable to appear in court by reason of his being afflicted with a rheumatism for some years and other infirmities peculiar to old age) make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 - to wit - That he was born on the fourth day of December A.D. 1750 in the township of Derry in Lancaster (now Dauphin) county, whence he about the year 1781 removed to the county of Cumberland in the state aforesaid where he staid four years and then removed to Turbut township in the county of Northumberland and state of Pennsylvania where he has since continued to reside - That in the early part of December 1776 he at Carlisle in the county of Cumberland and state aforesaid enlisted for the term of three years, and if necessary during the war, in a company of United States troops commanded by captain - M. Minley. The Lieutenant and Ensign are not now recollected. The field officers were Gen. Conway or Coneway, a Frenchman from France, and Col. William Cook of Northumberland county - the Major is not known. They were stationed at Carlisle where they staid till Christmas when they were marched to Morristown in the state of New



Versey where they staid a few days - and then they went to a place <sup>2</sup> between Morristown and Amboy where they kept their winter-quarters for 1776. In the spring of 1777 they marched to a place about 15 or 20 miles from Morristown where they remained till June 1777 - they then crossed the Smith or Hudson river and went to Stony Point where they staid a few days and then went to Wilmington in the state of Delaware where they staid about two or three weeks. They then went to the ground where the battle of Brandywine was fought and took an active part in said battle. The battle happened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1777. It commenced about seven or eight o'clock in the morning & lasted till sunset. The British and Hessians amounted to about eight or ten thousand men. He thinks they were commanded by Gen - Howe - but is not certain. The Americans were commanded by Gen. Washington and were after a long and fierce contest compelled to retreat with a loss of between two and three hundred killed & missing. The number of the American forces is not recollected - but was considerably less than that of the British. The British sustained a loss of between four and five hundred. Immediately after the battle of Brandywine they marched to Germantown near Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania. They were in the battle of Germantown which took place some time in October of 1777. The British according to the best of his recollection were commanded by Gen - Howe and the Americans by Gen. Washington. The battle commenced early in the morning & lasted till about 10 or 11 o'clock when the Americans were obliged by superior numbers to retreat. The British amounted to about 8 or 10,000 - their loss is not known. The Americans amounted to about four or five thousand and their loss of killed & missing about three hundred. They remained at Germantown one or two weeks and then went to Valley Forge in Chester (now Montgomery) County where they had their winter

quarters and remained till May, 1778 when they marched to Philadelphia where they staid two or three days and then went to the White Plains where they staid about two months & then returned to Morristown in New Jersey where they kept their winter quarters for 1778. In the spring of 1779 they once more crossed the Hudson or North river and staid about two weeks on its banks. They then went to West Point where they staid about two months & then returned to the Northern part of New Jersey where they staid about two or three months & then marched to within four miles of Morristown where they took up their winter quarters of 1779. In 1780 they were marched to certain places not now precisely recollected. In the course of this year they however, again crossed the Hudson and went to West Point at the very time that Major Andre was taken. They staid there one week and then went to Stony Point & then returned to Morristown. This was in Nov<sup>r</sup> of 1780 - they staid there until the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1781 when they went to Trenton where they were discharged by a committee sent from Congress. They then returned home by the said John Roe. Having in the whole served a period of four years. The deponent further states that his discharge has by some means or other been lost and that it is impossible for him now by reason of the lapse of time to procure a witness who from personal knowledge can testify to his services in the revolution. He further states that he is personally known to the Rev. John Bryson, John Fulkerson, Henry Graham or Grimes and indeed to a large number of the old gentlemen of this county all of whom can testify in support of his veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. — —

Interrogatories put to said applicant by the Hon. Jacob



George Hart one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas  
in and for the County of Northumberland -

1. Where and in what year were you born? Ans. In the township of  
Berry in Lancaster (now Dauphin) County on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1766.

2. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it? Ans. I  
have no record of my age but am certain that my age as  
above given is correct.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you  
lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into the service I lived in the county  
~~Lancaster (now Dauphin)~~ State of Pennsylvania - since the revolution  
I have lived & now live in the township of Turbot in the  
County of Northumberland State aforesaid.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you  
volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute  
for whom? I enlisted as stated in my declaration.

5. State some of the names of the regular officers who were  
with the troops where you served; such continental  
and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the  
general circumstances of your service. Ans. Gen.  
Coneway or Conway - and Col William Cook of Northumber-  
land County are the only regular officers whom I now  
recollect. I served my first year in the 12<sup>th</sup> regiment of the  
regular troops and the remainder of my time in the 3<sup>d</sup>  
regiment. The general circumstances of my service are  
detailed in my declaration - the officers were Captain  
Thomas Marshall - Lieutenant Col Gray and Col Thomas Craig -

6. Did you receive a discharge from the service, and if so what  
has become of it? Ans. I received my discharge from a  
committee sent from Congress as stated in this my  
declaration, but have lost the same some time or other.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your  
present neighborhood and who can testify as to your  
character for veracity and their belief of your services as a  
soldier of the revolution. Ans. The Rev. John Bryson -  
John Fulkerson - Henry Graham or Gaimes -

Witness my hand and seal the day & year  
and year aforesaid before me

John Loan  
Judge

in the township of Turbot



Sworn & subscribed the day & year  
afore said before me } John Roan  
Jacob Gearhart

We John Bryson a clergyman residing in the township of Turbot  
in the county of Northumberland State of Pennsylvania and Samuel  
Barr Esq. residing in the township county and state aforesaid do  
hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Roan who has  
subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him  
to be eighty one years of age - that he is unable to attend court  
in consequence of his being severely afflicted with the rheumat-  
ism - that he is reputed and generally believed in the  
neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the  
revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day  
year aforesaid before me

John Bryson.  
Sam. Barr

Jacob Gearhart

I Jacob Gearhart one of the Associate Judges of the court of common  
Pleas in and for Northumberland county do hereby certify  
that John Roan the above named applicant is unable to  
attend court by reason of bodily infirmity - that for this  
reason I accompanied him at his residence & that after investigating  
the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the  
War department I truly believe that the said John Roan was a  
revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And I also further  
certify that John Bryson who has signed the preceding certificate  
is to my personal knowledge a clergyman and that Samuel  
Barr Esq. who has also signed the same is a credible person -  
that they live in the place mentioned in their certificate -  
and that their statement is entitled to credit.

Jacob Gearhart

I Edward I. Bright - clerk of the court of common Pleas in & for the  
county of Northumberland State aforesaid  
do hereby certify that the said court is a court of  
record, and that Jacob Gearhart who has signed  
the preceding certificate is one of the Associate  
Judges of the said court - and that the  
signature annexed to the said certificate  
is his genuine signature. In testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the  
seal of the said court this 1 day of  
April 1832 -

Edw. I. Bright - Clerk  
in the presence of the Court

State of Pennsylvania

State of Pennsylvania

Northumberland County

J. C. C.

I Edward B. Bright clerk  
of the Court of Common Pleas  
in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that  
the foregoing contains the original proceedings in  
the matter of the application of the above named  
John Roan for a pension - that the above decla-  
ration and certificates therunto attached are  
precisely the same that were certified to at the  
times above mentioned - that no paper has been  
improperly attached to the said proceedings -  
and that said proceedings would then have been  
authenticated as the War Department directs  
had the instructions requiring a piece of tape  
or narrow ribbon reached this place in time.

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and  
the seal of the said court this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of April. A.D. 1833 -

Edw B Bright Rthy  
per Chas M. Hegins Depy

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Roan, Thomas  
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*Roane, Christopher*

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Re. 130<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1833.

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Richmond Nov: 28. 1833

Sir


I have received this morning and  
take the liberty to transmit additional proof of  
the heirs of Christopher Roane.

Yours very respectfully

J. E. Meath



Wm. R. B. Taney  
Secretary of the Treasury



Re. 5 Nov 1833.

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554.

Richmond 2. Nov. 1833.

Sir

Immediately on the receipt of yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> ulto stating the objections to the final settlement of the claim of Christopher Roane's heirs, I wrote to Mr James E Roane and have received from <sup>him</sup> the accompanying answer. I also addressed a letter to the clerk, of Prince George for further information respecting the time of Mr Roane's death. I do not believe that stricter proof than what is now furnished, of the exact time of his death, can be now obtained. If in connexion with the documents which I have <sup>heretofore</sup> ~~already~~ transmitted you will refer to the copies of the papers furnished Mr Malone upon which the General Assembly of Virginia, allowed the heirs of Roane his commutation, I think you will be fully satisfied that all the heirs of that officer are now before you. Indeed I thought that the documents which were forwarded by me several weeks since were full and distinct on that point. With respect to the administration on his estate which has been distributed among his heirs several for so long a period, I respectfully refer you to the settlement which I made with you for Armistead's heirs, and in which you dispensed with administration, upon the grounds which are stronger in the present case.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
your obedient servant.

Robert R B Taney

J. E. Neeth



Charles City County Court,

This day James Rutledge personally appeared before us Justices  
of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that Capt  
Christopher Roane late of the county of Prince George and  
having two Brothers James Roane and William Roane his  
only heirs - that William Roane and having a son his  
only child Isela John Roane late of the county of Dinwiddie  
and that James Roane and having the following  
children William R Roane Christopher R Roane Rebecca  
Charlotte Hannah Joseph Sarah R Roane and Elizabeth Roane  
his only heirs and who are the  
only heirs of the said Capt Christopher Roane now  
living

Wm Tyler Secy

James H. Christian Secy

Virginia Charles City County Court

I Robert W Christian Clerk of the County Court of said County in the State of  
Virginia do Certify that William Tyler and James H Christian whose names are subscribed  
to the above Certificate and affidavit of James Rutledge are now at this time Justices  
of the peace for said County of Charles City duly commissioned and qualified as  
such according to the Constitution and Laws of said State of Virginia -

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
seal of said County at the Court House thereof this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
November in the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty  
three

Ro: W Christian

The paper marked No. 4, is intended to indicate as near as may be the period of Capt Roanes death. It is believed that the exact period cannot at this late day be shown; but it is a fair presumption according to the usage in Virginia of obtaining administration at the first or second monthly court after a decedents death, that he died, in September or October 1795. I by leave to remark to you, that perhaps some liberality of construction might be allowed on this point, as your Predecessor has decided that the half pay of an officer who was in service at the time the Board of Field Officers reported (in 1782) should not commence until Sept 1783. I presume you would not revise that decision, but it is due to justice to observe that every officer belonging to the Virginia State line, was disbanded in April 1783, the Governor having issued his proclamation to that effect at that time. Why they should lose their half pay from April to Sept 1783, I am not able to perceive the reason of.

If Roanes death shall be fixed at Sept 1795, his heirs will be entitled to 2 years half pay.

I am Sir

very respectfully

Your obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. E. Keell

The Hon W. J. Duane

Thurs. 11th. Sept. 1833.

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Auditors Office Richmond

11. Sept 1833.

Sir,

James E. Roane esq. one of the Heirs of Christopher Roane decd, and Attorney in fact for all the other Heirs, with the power of Substitution, not finding it convenient to go to Washington, has requested me to forward the enclosed ~~papers~~ papers, in order to obtain the balance of his Ancestors Half pay as a Captain in the State Artillery. -

1. is an order of court certifying the names of the Heirs.

2. a certificate of court shewing that one of the Heirs is deceased, unmarried & without issue.

3. An affidavit that Christopher Roane died in 1795.

4. Certificate of administration that granted in Nov. 1795

5. & 6. powers of Atto: from the Heirs to James E. Roane.

7. Power of Atto: from Jas E. Roane to Jas E. Roane

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(Copy)

Treasury Department  
Registers Office, Dec 28, 1832,

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Daniel Graham

Register.

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Roarer, Henry

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Virginia

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Henry Coarer  
of Shenandoah in the State of Va  
who was a *ser* in the Company *commanded*  
by Captain *Runkin* of the *—* *commanded*  
by *—* in the *Na*  
line for *Enrollment*.

Enrolled on the Roll of Virginia  
at the rate of *20* — Dollars — Cents per annum.  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the *21* day of *Apr* 1834  
and *Arch Philip*  
*William Woodstock C.A. Va*

Amount to the 1st of *Mar* 31 *60*  
Semi-annual allowance ending *Sept* *10*

*\$1.10*

Recorded by *Nath. Price* Clerk  
book *C* Vol. *69* Page *30*  
{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ by June 7, 1832. }

State of Virginia  
Shenandoah County

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Shenandoah now sitting, Henry Roover, a resident of the County and State aforesaid and in the 74 year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as mentioned. General Stephens is the only field officer I now recollect, and the officer of the company to which I belonged were, Jacob Rinker Captain, George Rinker Lieutenant, (ensign not recollect) and Christian Miller first Serjeant. I was drafted in the Militia and entered the service sometime in the month of October as near as I can recollect in the year 1780. That the place of Rendezvous was at Woodstock in the aforesaid County of Shenandoah, and that I lived in said County at the time of entering the service. That we marched from said town towards the South, crossed the Blue Ridge at Rockfish Gap, and on towards Carolina through the County of Bedford and directly on to Hillsboro North Carolina there stood quarters of the Army. Thence still farther South, into South Carolina where we remained until the approach of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis, and then the army retreated back to Virginia. I was among those directed to guard the King's Prisoners of War, to the Allamankas barracks, and that they were conveyed there and shortly afterwards I assisted in conveying them to the Barracks at Winchester N. C. I then returned home which was in the month of April or May 1781. I received a discharge signed by Capt. Jacob Rinker, which I have lost. That he has no documentary evidence in his possession to exhibit as proof of service. That owing to the length of time and the loss of memory consequent to old age, your Applicant cannot state the names of any other officers, nor the names of any Continental regiments or Companies, neither can he give a more minute description of his service, but refers to the statements enclosed marked A, B, and C.

The following questions were propounded to the said Henry Roover and answered as follows by him.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? Ans I was born in the County of Lancaster Pennsylvania in the month of April 1760.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? Ans That I have a record of my age in a large Family Bible now in my possession.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ans. I have lived in the County of Shenandoah since I was nine years old.

4. 5. & 6. questions answered in the foregoing declaration.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your Character for veracity, and their belief of your Service as a Soldier of the Revolution?

Answered. George A. Schupp, William Elton Daniel Frankhouser and William Frankhouser.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the  
day and year aforesaid.

George H. Hall

Henry <sup>his</sup> (Powers)  
marks

We George A. Schupp & William Elton residents of the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Henry (Powers) who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be <sup>the age he represents himself to be</sup> within 74 years of his age, that he is a patriot and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the  
day and year aforesaid

G. A. Schupp

William Elton

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories presented by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that there is no Clergyman living in the neighborhood of the said Henry (Powers), but that the above George A. Schupp and William Elton are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I Philip Williams Clerk of the County Court of Shenandoah do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of



SERVICE

NUMBER

New Jersey  
Penn.

Roark, William

832495

CONTENTS

30.971  
Illinois

William Rankin

of Madison Co. in the State of Illinois

was a private in the company

of Captain Catt of the regt

of Col. Langhorne in the 16 months

N. Jersey

granted on the Roll of Illinois

at the rate of 53 Dollars 33 Cents per

annuity on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Warrant of Pension issued the 26 day of January

1837 and sent to Hon

Edw. H. Shawmut.

Amount to the 4th of Sept 1836 \$293.3

Pension allowance ending 14 March 37 26.6

\$320.00

{ Revolutionary Claim

{ Act June 7, 1832

Recorded by *Wm. Allison*

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Head

Paid at the Treasury  
Act of the 6. April 1841  
from 4. March 1840 to 4. March  
1841. Age notified 28-Feb-1842.

Book of death with  
on 4/13 -



Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of  
the act of Congress passed June 7. 1832,

State of Illinois }  
Gallatin County } Tel.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1833 personally appeared in open court  
before the Hon. Thomas C. Browne judge  
of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid  
now sitting, William Roark a resident  
of said County in the State of Illinois, aged  
seventy ~~three~~ years in full age, who being duly  
sworn according to law, doth on his oath make  
the following declaration in order to obtain  
the benefit of the act of Congress passed  
the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of  
the United States under the following names  
officers and served as therein stated. That he  
was drafted into service in the County of Sussex  
State of New Jersey first under Captain John  
Hleet and served a term under him during which  
time ~~the~~ we were marched to Amboy in said  
State, the next term of a similar service  
was under Capt. Mark Thompson, during  
which term we were marched to a place  
called Bound Brook, the next term was  
under Captain John Masfield. These several  
terms comprised a term of  
I do not recollect many of the United States  
officers excepting those mentioned and Gen.  
Washington who was about this time in New  
Jersey, and Gen. William Masfield the  
brother of my Captain, some when during

this time Captain John Massfield received  
a commission of Captain in the ~~Regulars~~  
Regulars, and enlisted a company, at the  
Grand Camps and I enlisted in it under  
him, I was at the Battle of Millstone and  
took a prisoner at or near the settlement  
of Monmouth. I had lived with an uncle  
who was acquainted with the General and  
and he came down and got me off from  
further service at this time, I moved and  
settled on the Monongahela waters but at  
what particular period these transactions  
transpired I am unable to recollect, as I have  
no record of them or of my age, in this  
year 1782, I think in June, <sup>but maybe in August or Sept</sup> an order  
came from Gen. Clark for men and  
there was a draft, he came down the Alle-  
gheny, I again entered the service under  
Captain Michael Catt, and went to Wheeling  
on the Ohio River when we were to join  
Gen. Clark, but he had gone on down  
the river, Colonel Laury had not come  
on. The General intention was to go to the  
falls of the Ohio, to get a reinforcement  
from the Kentucky settlements thence to pro-  
ceed against the Indian Towns, we started  
under Col. Laury or Laughery and had nearly  
overtaken Gen. Clark, but got defeated by  
the Indians, <sup>in June or July</sup> about ten miles below the  
Big Miami as it was said, some said it  
was further, all were killed but forty seven  
who were taken prisoners among which I  
was also taken, The Indians took us to  
their Towns and after some time we  
were taken to Detroit from Detroit we



were taken to Canada and confined about  
forty ~~in~~ miles from Montreal when we were  
kept ~~in~~ <sup>ten miles</sup> ~~there~~ <sup>they came up and</sup> then we heard of the surrender  
of Cornwallis at York, then under  
British orders we were taken to Quebec  
and put on board of a ship and taken  
to New York when we were discharged on  
parol, <sup>(17th March 1780)</sup> for there was not provision to ex-  
change for us, I heard afterward the  
British got prisoners for us and  
we got home in January or February  
1784. After this time I resided on the  
waters of the Monongahela ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> from  
whence I moved to Moughlenburg County  
where I resided ten years then I moved  
to Gallatin County Illinois in the year  
1810 where I have resided ever since

I hereby declare I have recd. no compensation from  
the government of the U. S. and that I relinquish  
all claims to a pension except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed

William <sup>lin</sup> Roark  
<sup>mark</sup>

this 15th March 1833 in

We the Elder Pierce a clergyman residing in  
the County of White adjoining the County of Gallatin  
and State of Illinois and William Sutton  
residing in the County of Gallatin hereby certify  
that we are acquainted with William Roark who has signed the foregoing  
that we believe him to be seventy three years  
of age that he is reputed in the neighborhood  
where he resides to have been a soldier of the  
revolution and that we concur in that  
opinion

Sworn & subscribed the  
day & year aforesaid

Elder Pierce

William Sutton



WAR DEPARTMENT.

**Pension Office.**

15 Nov. 1823

Sp.:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus:  $\}$ ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of William Coak

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
						<p>73 years</p> <p>Super</p> <p>Wm</p> <p>A. J.</p>	

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

**J. L. EDWARDS.**

**Commissioner of Pensions.**

The claimant cannot be allowed for the time he alleges to have been a prisoner, unless he shall produce some satisfactory proof thereof, other than his own allegation on the be half of others.

April 12, 1938

*William Reark*

S. 32485  
RA-J/ANT

Mrs. Louis Reark  
2652 S. Trenton  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir: *madame*

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of James and William Reark, both of North Carolina.

The Revolutionary War records of this office have been searched and no claim for pension found based upon the service of James Reark, under any spelling of the surname.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S. 32485, based upon service of William Reark in the War of the Revolution. This is the record of the only William Reark found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The surname was searched under similar spellings.

The date and place of birth of William Reark were not given, nor were the names of his parents shown.

William Reark enlisted in Sussex County, New Jersey, served three months as private in Captain John Fleet's company; three months in Captain Mark Thompson's company; one month in Captain John Maxfield's company; during this time he was in the battle of Millstone, also drove his uncle's team and hauled cannon balls. There are no dates of service given.

At the expiration of this service, William

Roark moved from New Jersey to the "Monongahela Waters", and enlisted in the summer of 1781, served in Captain Michael Catt's company, Colonel Archibald Lochry's Pennsylvania regiment in General George Rogers Clark's expedition; about ten miles below Big Miami, had an engagement with the Indians, he was taken prisoner, carried to Detroit, then to Quebec, put on board a ship and sent to New York, where he was paroled, March 17, 1783.

The soldier, William Roark, moved from the waters of Monongahela to Muhlenburg County, Kentucky, where he lived about ten years, and in 1810, moved to Gallatin County, Illinois.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 15, 1833, then living in Gallatin County, Illinois. He died March 4, 1841.

Reference was made in 1836 to a son and daughters of the soldier. No names were given, nor was the name of his uncle, whose team he drove, stated.

One Michael Roark was a neighbor in 1833; it was not stated that he was a relative.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to family.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator



BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Roase, Jacob GRADE Private LINE New York

WARRANT NUMBER 7666 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED May 8, 1792  
to — not shown —

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT RECORD CARD\*

NAME Roase, Peter GRADE Private LINE New York

WARRANT NUMBER 7663 ACREAGE 100 ISSUED May 4, 1791  
to Anthony Maywell, assignee

\*The information concerning the issuance of warrants carded on this form is found in volumes 2 to 4 of "Land Warrants Issued Prior to 1800" which are registers of bounty land warrants issued to non-commissioned officers and privates under congressional resolutions of September 16, 1776, and subsequent dates. Other records relative to the applications for warrants appear to have been destroyed in the War Department fire of November 9, 1800. Information concerning warrants surrendered to the Federal Government is to be found in General Land Office records in The National Archives.

SERVICE

NUMBER

New York. Roat, Christian  
Elizabeth

N. 20032  
B.L.M. 18382-160-66.

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8708

New York

Christian Roat

Montgomery in the State of New York  
who was a private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Fetter of the 8th Regiment  
by Col Paulding in the N. Y. ma:  
for 8 mos.

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 26 Dollars 66 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 25th day of April  
1833 and sent to  
J. H. Eager Montgomery

Amount to the 4th of March 1833 \$53.32  
Semi-ann. allowance ending 4 Sept. 13.33

\$66.65

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by W. L. Williams Clerk,  
Book E Vol. 4 Page 30

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May 21 1855

Elizabeth Boat with  
Christian Boat. Pris

Moat

Private

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Love

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Joseph D. Whelan

Montgomery N.Y.

1987  
 New York City  
 Elizabeth Roat,  
 widow of Christian Roat,  
 N.Y.  
 who served in the Revolutionary  
 war, as a *Private*.

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
 26 Dollars *66*.

Cents per annum, to commence on  
 the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
 12 day of Sept. 1848.  
 and sent to

Joseph Ellis  
 Bloomingburgh  
 N.Y.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
 February 2, 1848, Page 175 Vol. 4.

*Rept*



**BRIEF in the case of** *Christian Coats*  
**of** *Montgomery* **in the State of** *New York*  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Open Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *Sixty eight years*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>In 1781 ap<sup>d</sup> 25</i> <i>as substitute for a Capt.</i>		<i>8</i>			<i>Gen. Capt. W. Latta, Capt. J. B. Bunnell</i> <i>Col. Paulding</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *none stated*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Montgomery*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *S. W. Bagon & Henry Crist, certify to Christian Coats' evidence. Henry Crist, a living witness - from the service.*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

**X Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*J. K. K. K.* Examining Clerk.

State of New York  
Orange County ss

on this fourth day of September 1832 personally  
appeared in open court before the Judges  
of the court of common pleas in and for  
said county of orange now sitting Christian  
Beast a Resident of the town of Mont-  
gomery in the said county of orange and State  
of New York aged Sixty Eight years who being  
first duly sworn according to Law and on  
his oath make the following declaration  
in and to obtain the benefit of the act of  
Congress passed June 7 - 1832

That he entered the service of the United  
States under the following named officers  
and served as herein stated

That he entered the said service on  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 for a period  
of Eight Months and was discharged the  
last of January 1782 making the whole  
time of his service a little more than  
nine months -

That at the time he entered the service  
the militia companies of the county  
were formed into classes in such a man-  
ner that about every seven men had  
to furnish one man for the service -

that he entered the service and served for a  
Crab of this kind belonging to the Company  
of which Matthias Hilder of said town of  
Montgomery was Captain -

that the Company in which he served was  
mustered at a place in said town of Mont-  
gomery called at that time the English  
meeting house and was commanded  
by Captain John Burnett of Little-  
Brittain in the town of New Windsor in  
said county of Orange in the Regiment  
commanded by Col Paulding -

that his term of service was when the  
then patriots and principally in the  
western part of the then county of Ulster  
in the State of New York -

that said Company commanded by  
John Burnett and in which he served  
served said Regiment at or near a  
place called Nippanack in said county  
of Ulster and beyond the Shawangunk  
mountains - that he remained there  
about two weeks - that his company  
were billeted out six or eight in a  
place, some in houses and others in  
picket posts and orders came to march  
to the North -

that the said



pecked for and now come to the  
to the North.

That the said company did march to the  
north through Kingston Sanshettis and  
Wassdlock - at this latter place they were  
joined by other Melikis and marched to a  
place called Shandaken to meet some Indi-  
ans who were expected to be there, as was said  
to draw powder - That when they came to  
Shandaken no Indians were there and it  
turned out a false alarm - That while there  
two Whitemen were taken as Indian spies  
and put in Kingston Jail and his company  
returned to Sanshettis.

That after remanning there a week or two  
marched to Mombacco in said county of  
Ulster and remained there some time  
from thence he and seven of his company  
were ordered to Sachawack to guard some  
cattle against the Indians and was stationed  
in a fort - while the company was at  
Mombacco he was at Sachawack town  
while there the last time was sent in  
said Ulster county was burned by the  
Indians - That the last place of his service  
was at Nepamack in said county of  
Ulster where he was discharged by Capt  
John Brown at a place and -

does not recollect if he has a written  
discharge and has no written evidence  
of his service -

That he was born in the town of Montfort  
in said county of Ulster (now the county  
of Otsego) in Sept 1764 and has always  
remained there - has the record of his age  
in his family Bible in his possession  
and entered the service as a substitute for a

Clap -

that Henry Crest and Samuel Wagon  
of said Town of Montgomery can testify  
to the character of the applicant for  
necesity and then list of his services as  
a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and Subscribed  
this day & year aforesaid

Attest James Clerk Christian Road

see Henry Crest and Samuel Wagon of  
the Town of Montgomery in said county  
do hereby certify that we are well ac-  
quainted with Christian Road who has sub-  
scribed and sworn to the above declaration  
and that we believe him to be fifty eight  
years of age - and that he is a white man  
belonging in the neighborhood where  
he resides to have been a soldier of the  
Revolution and that we are certain  
that he can

Sworn to and Subscribed

this day & year aforesaid  
James Clerk Christian Road

Wagon

Henry Crest



State of New York }  
Sullivan County } S.S.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of ~~Sullivan~~ <sup>Orange</sup> Elizabeth Roat a resident of the County of Orange near & adjacent to Sullivan County aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of Christian Roat decd a late resident of said County who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and served as such during said War that her husband the aforesaid Christian Roat served in Captain Burnett's Company in the year of 1781 or '82, and that he served one month or more in Lieut. Hardinborough's Company as she has understood from her said husband and verily believes the same to be true and that she must rely on the proof now on file in the Department in connection with her late husband's declaration to support her claim to a pension.

She further declares that she was married to the said Christian Roat on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1793 by the Rev. Moses Freely who was then a pastor of a Dutch Reformed Church in the town of Montgomery that her husband the aforesaid Christian Roat died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1842 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz at the time above stated, and that previous to her marriage her name was Elizabeth Dutheland she further states that the annexed leaf was taken from the family Bible belonging to her & her said husband and that said record gives a correct date of her <sup>and her late husband's</sup> marriage and



ages of their children

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Roast  
mark R

Sworn and subscribed before me  
by making her mark R this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1843

Samuel G. Dimmick R Judge  
of Sullivan County. Phleg

The word "orange" on the 4<sup>th</sup> line from the top being crossed out  
the word "Sullivan" in witness before signing Samuel G. Dimmick R Judge  
of Sullivan County. Phleg  
I hereby certify that the above named Elizabeth  
Roast is unable to attend Court on  
account of infirmity

Samuel G. Dimmick R Judge  
of Sullivan County. Phleg

The words "and her late husband" on the lower line  
being interlined before signing also

Samuel G. Dimmick R Judge  
of Sullivan County. Phleg

I Henry W. Howell Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas  
of Sullivan County do Certify that Samuel G. Dimmick  
is a judge, as above, and that the foregoing signature pur-  
porting to be his, is genuine In Witness whereof I have here-  
unto affixed my seal of Office & subscribed  
my name this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1843.

Henry W. Howell Clerk

## FAMILY RECORD.

## MARRIAGES.

Christian Roat .. }  
Elizabeth Solihusland } Married  
April the 7<sup>th</sup> 1793

## MARRIAGES.

## FAMILY RECORD.

## BIRTHS.

Christian Roat Born  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1764

Elisabeth Southerland  
Born June 26<sup>th</sup> 1774

Hugh Roat Born  
May 24<sup>th</sup> 1794

Frederic Roat Born  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 1797

Hannah Roat Born  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 1799

## BIRTHS.

Hannah McElean Born  
September 7<sup>th</sup> 1751

Margaret Southerland Born  
January 28<sup>th</sup> 1772

Mary Southerland Born  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1775

Daniel Southerland Born  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1778

Peter Southerland Born  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 1780

John Southerland Born  
November 1<sup>st</sup> 1783

Nelly Southerland Born  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 1785

Hugh Southerland Born  
January 5<sup>th</sup> 1788

George Southerland Born  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 1791

Catherine Southerland Born  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 1791



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my name this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1843

Henry W. Howell Clerk

State of New York,

Orange County *ss* On this 27th day of March A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the county and State aforesaid Elizabeth Root aged eighty years a resident of Orange County in the State of New York who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Christian Root deceased who was a private soldier in the revolutionary war with Great Britain for the term of nine months and continued in actual service in said war for nine months and was honorably discharged and was a revolutionary pensioner at the time of his decease and I am now a pensioner as the widow of said Christian Root I was inscribed on the pension list in conformity with the act of February 2d 1848. By a warrant or certificate granted in my favor and given at the war office the 12th day of September 1848 by J. G. Mason acting Secretary of war now in my possession and endorsed as Recorded in the Pension on the of Pensioners under act February 2d 1848. page 173 vol. 4.

She further states that she was married to the said Christian Root in Montgomery in Orange County and State of New York on the Seventh day of April A.D. One thousand seven hundred and ninety three by one Reverend Moses Freleigh a pastor or minister of the German Reform-



and church and congregation sometimes  
called the the Dutch Reformed Church  
in consequence of having a connection  
with the Dutch Reformed Church for  
ecclesiastical purposes and that before  
her said marriage her name was  
Elizabeth Sutherland and that her  
said husband died at Crawford in  
Orange County and State of New York  
On the seventeenth day of September  
A.D. One thousand eight hundred  
and forty two and that she is now a  
widow.

She makes this declaration for the  
purpose of obtaining the bounty land  
to which she may be entitled to  
which she may be entitled under  
the act approved March 3. 1855. Joseph  
V. Whelan is hereby authorized as my  
attorney to prosecute this claim and to  
receive any warrant or certificate which  
may be issued hereon.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1855 Elizabeth Rount  
before me William C. Condam Justice of the Peace  
in and for Orange County  
Wm. David Jense and Abraham V. Mann residents  
of Orange County in the State of New York  
upon our oaths declare that the foregoing decla-  
-ration was signed and acknowledged by  
Elizabeth Rount in our presence and that we  
believe from the appearance and statements  
of the applicant that she is the identical  
person she represents herself to be

Subscribed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1855 before me William C. Condam D. J.  
in and for Orange County  
at W. Wallace

The foregoing declaration and affidavit  
were sworn to and subscribed before me



Comm

Roath, Daniel  
or  
Roth.

W. 17. 559

Hannah

## SERVICE

NUMBER

Comm.

Roath, Silas

S. 36260

## CONTENTS

✓ 4,049  
Connecticut Roll

Silas Roath

Capt Dyer

private

79

Connecticut one year

In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

Inscribed on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of eight Dollars per month, to commence on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 30 of Dec. 1818  
and forwarded to Calvin Goodenough  
Norwich, New London, Conn.

Arrears to 4th of Sep. 1818 41.00  
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1819 48.00

\$89.00

5 mo 4/30

{ Revolutionary claim, }  
{ Act 18th March, 1818. }

Continued under

Law 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820

Preston, New London Conn

Notification sent to Calvin Goodenough  
Norwich Conn. W. 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1820



36260  
Revy INVALID.

File No. 36260

Clas North

Sh. Her. 1870

Act: 18<sup>th</sup> March 18<sup>th</sup>

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[ Arrangement of 1870. ]

Silas Routh  
No 49 Preston

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## SCHEDULE.

District of Connecticut, ss. *County Court for New London County*

On this *29th* day of *June* 1820, personally  
appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said *County*  
*Silas Roath* aged *Sixty two*  
years, resident in *Preston* in said *County*

who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in  
the Revolutionary war as follows: *in a regiment commanded by*  
*Col John Duerkee, in a company commanded first*  
*by Capt Thomas Dyer, afterwards by Capt Daniel Tilden*  
*That I made my original declaration on the first of*  
*April 1818 - Certificate No 4049.*

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States,  
on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in  
any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to di-  
minish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act  
to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States,  
in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not,  
nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to  
me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed,  
and by me subscribed.

*That I have no estate, real or personal*  
*was blind & prior to obtaining a pension was*  
*supported by public charity in an almshouse*

*Silas Roath*  
*Mark*

*Signed* Sworn to, and declared, on the *29th* day of *June* 1820  
before *Said County Court*

*Charles Lathrop Clerk*

I, *Charles Lathrop* clerk of the *County Court in New London County*  
do hereby certify, that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto an-  
nexed, are truly copied from the record of the said court; and I do further certify, that it  
is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the *Declaration*  
*has no property* dollars and *cents.*  
*aforsaid schedule is*

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said court, on this

*29th* day of *June*

1820

*Charles Lathrop Clerk*

Clerk of the Court for the *County* of *New London*  
*County*



Solden Sherrin Dep.  
State Library of  
Silas Rock

*[Signature]*

The Deposition of Daniel Tilden late of Lebanon in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut. Testifies and says. That I was a Lieutenant in a Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Dyer. and regiment commanded by Col. John Duerksen from about the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 1776 - untill about the 15<sup>th</sup> of September of the same year when I was promoted to the Capt. of the same Company in said Regiment - in which capacity I served untill about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of January 1777 when the whole were discharged - that I well knew Silas Rott, now of Preston in the County of New London, to be a <sup>faithfully</sup> private Soldier in said Regiment and company during the campaign of 1776. and that he was discharged about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of January 1777 - and that he returned home part of the way with me - but at what time he enlisted I cannot say -

Dated at Windham in the County of Windham upon the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1818  
 Dan. Tilden.

I Jacob Loomis of Lebanon in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut. Testify and say that about the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of January A.D. 1776. That I enlisted into a Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Dyer and regiment commanded by Col. John Duerksen in the Continental Army, and served in said Company and Regiment untill about the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January A.D. 1777 - when the regiment were discharged - that Silas Rott of the Town of Preston in the County of New London, was a Soldier in the same regiment and company with me, from sometime in the winter of 1776 untill the regiment was discharged about the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 1777 - <sup>and served faithfully</sup> the Company was the latter part of the time commanded by Capt. Daniel Tilden

Dated at Windham the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1818 -

Jacob Loomis

State of Connecticut  
 County of Windham ss. Windham October the 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1818  
 Then Daniel Tilden and Jacob Loomis, came personally before me  
 a Justice of the Peace for said County of Windham  
 and

And make solemn Oath to the truth of the facts contained in  
the within and foregoing Depositions by them severally submitted  
And do further certify that I am personally acquainted  
with the foregoing Dependants, and know them both to be  
Gentlemen of truth, and full faith and credit ought to be  
given to their testimony —

Attest Jabez Clark Justice of the Peace  
for Windham County

I Samuel Gray Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County  
of Windham in the State of Connecticut, do Certify  
that Jabez Clark Esq. before whom the foregoing  
depositions were made is duly enrolled as one of the  
Justices of the Peace in & for said Windham County  
and full faith & credit ought to be given to his  
acts as such — The above Signature is his hand  
writing — In Testimony whereof I have  
Subscribed my Name and affixed the Seal of said  
Court at Windham this 10 Day of October A.D. 1878  
Samuel Gray



Silas Proctor

April 1778

Return roll

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Proctor

To Calvin Goddard Esq one of the Judges  
of the Superior Court of the State of  
Connecticut.

The petition of Silas Prooth of Boston in New  
London County & State aforesaid sheweth  
That he resides in the town & State aforesaid that he  
served more than nine years in the land of the revolution  
upon the continental establishment as a private that he is by  
reason of his reduced circumstances in need of assistance  
from his country for support - that he never has received  
or been allowed any pension by the laws of the United  
States or any individual State & hereby relinquishes all  
claim to any such allowance except by virtue of the Act  
of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons  
engaged in the land & naval service of the United States  
in the revolutionary war" & to a pension under which  
he is desirous of substantiating his claim & prays that  
the same may be done according to the provisions of said  
Act - Dated at Norwich the 11th day of April 1818  
State of Connecticut

Silas Prooth  
New London.

Be it remembered that on this 1st day of April in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen  
before me Calvin Goddard one of the Judges of the Superior  
Court personally came Silas Prooth of New London County



I State of record & made solemn oath to the truth  
of the following declaration by him subscribed viz That <sup>he</sup> entered  
into the public service at the commencement of the war & that  
was for seven months for which he enlisted & was at the battle  
of Bunker Hill & continued in service in a company com-  
manded by Capt Witham Bail - Col Samuel H. Parsons  
Regiment in the Connecticut Troops this was before the  
formation of the Continental Army - That before this  
term of service expired he enlisted into the Army of the  
United States upon the Continental establishment for one  
year into a company commanded by Capt Thomas  
Dyer - afterwards Col Dyer into a Regiment  
commanded by Col John Duersee at that time the  
2<sup>d</sup> Connecticut Regiment the company was com-  
manded by Capt ~~Thomas~~ Silas that he faithfully served until  
said term of time & which expired about the first of January  
1777 that he spent at Princeton in the capture of the Hessian  
that he has no discharge & does not recollect ever to  
have received one in writing - That he is by reason of his  
various circumstances in life in need of a justice from  
his country for support - Silas X Heath  
Sworn to & attested before me mark  
The day & year of record Col John Goddard Judge of probate



I Calvin Goddard Judge &c as aforesaid  
do certify that it appears to my satisfaction  
that the said Silas Hoath did serve in the  
Revolutionary war as stated in the preceding  
declaration against the common enemy  
for the term of nine months on the conti-  
nental establishment; & I now transmit

the proceedings & testimony taken & had before me, to the  
Secretary for the department of War pursuant to the direc-  
tions of the aforesaid Act of Congress

Calvin Goddard

The within named Silas Hoath is blind  
& very poor - in extreme indigence

Calvin Goddard

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